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PLANES RUSHED TO IRAQ: VICHY GIVES PASSAGE

Eden's Statement In Commons: Anxiety In Turkey

CAIRO, May 15.

IT is Officially announced that following an urgent appeal by Rashid Ali, a certain number of German aircraft arrived in Iraq bringing propagandists, agitators and other similar Axis specialists.

NOT TROOP-CARRIERS?

IT IS UNDERSTOOD THAT THE GERMAN PLANES WERE NOT TROOP CARRIERS. THEY ONLY TRANSPORTED TECHNICIANS AND CIVILIAN PERSONNEL.

AXIS MISSIONS IN BAGHDAD

It is reported here from private sources that a certain number of German aircraft recently landed at Rajak air base in Syria.

Other information received here is that two Axis Military Missions are now in Baghdad where they arrived a few days ago in planes which flew over Syrian territory.

The Italian Mission consists of two Italian Air Generals and Staff. The German Mission numbers fifteen who arrived in two aeroplanes.

German planes passing across Syria are authoritatively estimated at about thirty. They did not have German markings. It is believed that there were French markings.

DISGUISED MARKINGS.

A number of German planes with disguised markings landed at three Syrian aerodromes, apparently 'en route' to Iraq, it is reliably learned here.

The presence at Beyrouth of a high German personage who is engaged in conversations with the Italian Armistice Commission and the French authorities is reported by a traveller who arrived here from Syria.

FRENCH PERMIT.

It is learned authoritatively in London that French authorities in Syria are allowing Germans to use Syrian aerodromes for flights to Iraq.

The British Government consequently have given full authority for action to be taken against German aircraft on Syrian aerodromes.

German aircraft, it is learned, are using these aerodromes as "stepping stones."

The announcement that Britain has taken action against German aircraft in Syria was made by Mr. Eden at question time in the House of Commons to-day.

VICHY CAN'T ESCAPE RESPONSIBILITY

The Foreign Secretary declared that detailed information at Government's disposal showed that French authorities in Syria are allowing German aircraft to use Syrian aerodromes as staging posts for the flight to Iraq. The British Government consequently have given full authority for action to be taken against these German aircraft on Syrian aerodromes (loud cheers).

Mr. Eden continued that the French Government cannot escape responsibility for this situation. Their action under German orders in permitting these flights is a clear breach of the Armistice Terms and inconsistent with undertaking given by the French Government.

SYRIAN MANDATE QUESTION

In reply to Mr. Shinwell (Labour) who asked whether we could no longer place any reliance in the Vichy Government, Mr. Eden said: "As regards these particular circumstances, I have made it

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NAZI DEMANDS ON TURKEY

Speculations On Papen's Return: Anxiety In Ankara

(From Our Correspondent)

LONDON, May 15.

The return to Ankara of Herr von Papen, the German Ambassador in Turkey, has given rise to speculation regarding Hitler's demands to Turkey.

It is almost certain that von Papen will try to neutralise the Turco-British relations.

Already tendencious reports are being circulated from Vichy that the agreement between Vichy and Germany for the passage of Nazi troops through Syria is causing anxiety in Turkey.

However, at present there is no reason to think of a change in the Turkish foreign policy.

PAPEN SEES INEUNU AGAIN

ANKARA, May 15.

Von Papen saw President Ineunu. M. Sarajoglu was also present. A German spokesman declared that the general political situation was discussed.—Reuter.

VICHY HELPS HITLER'S SWOOP OVER SYRIA

"Grave Development In Situation Already Very Complicated"

LONDON, May 15.

"With the acceptance by the Vichy Government of the German terms for better understanding the spotlight of international politics has been suddenly switched on to Syria", writes Reuter's diplomatic correspondent. He adds: "Mr. Eden revealed in the House of Commons that German planes have already arrived in Syrian aerodromes and General Wavell has been given a free hand to deal with the situation thus resulting.

GRAVE DEVELOPMENT

It is a very grave development in a situation already very complicated and its effect on British relations with Vichy cannot be easily forecast. From a purely legal standpoint, the French rights in Syria which they hold under a mandate from the League lapsed the moment the French notified their withdrawal from League of Nations. Under the covenant no nation, not a member of the League, can hold a mandate except in very special circumstances which have not arisen. Consequently any action taken by Britain would theoretically not be directed against a mandatory power. The legal aspect, however, is less material than the military issues involved. There is still French Garrison variously estimated at between 30,000 and 60,000 men. A large number of these are colonial soldiers, the majority of the French troops having returned to France on the collapse of the French Government last June.

STRIKES AND RIOTS

The troops who remained are not France's best men and they have been having trouble with the local population. There have been strikes and riots in Damascus, Beyrouth and Homs Hama. the situation is somewhat poisoned by the crisis in Iraq whose Quisling Government have some sympathisers in Beyrouth and Damascus but taken as a whole, the population are not ill-disposed towards Britain. Although there are not many prepared aerodromes in Syria, the plateau on which Damascus is situated would afford numerous landing grounds and also admirable terrain for mechanised warfare.—Reuter.

Murder Is On His Hands!

BRITAIN'S WAR SUPPLIES

Question To Be Debated In Secret Session Of Commons

LONDON, May 15.

The House of Commons will shortly hold a Secret Session to discuss the Ministry of Supply. Backbench labourite, Mr. Bevan, in the House of Commons this afternoon asserted that there was much public anxiety on the matter of supply and asked whether this would be allayed by a private session.

Mr. Churchill declared that the Government would have welcomed a public session. He did not agree that there was so much anxiety and he hoped to show that great progress was being made, but anything more foolish than to give facts and figures in detail in public which would go to Lisbon and then to Germany he could not imagine. "We really must leave some work for German intelligence", he said. (Laughter).—Reuter.)

Expansion Of Production

U. S. Commerce Chamber's Chief's Response To Sir R. Mathews' Message

LONDON, May 15.

Members of the United States Chamber of Commerce are redoubling their efforts to assist production.

In response to a message from Sir Ronald Mathews, President of the Association of British Chambers of Commerce, expressing appreciation of the help given by the United States, the President of the United States Chamber of Commerce at Washington has replied that the annual meeting, just held, committed the entire membership to redouble its efforts for extending production.

"The Chamber knows", the President added, "that what is needed is production and then more production and that time is the essence of everything."—Reuter.

BRITISH MINISTER INDICTS DEPUTY FUEHRER HESS

Bevin Speaks Out: Not The Man He Would Ever Negotiate With

LONDON, May 15.

THE Minister of Labour, Mr. Bevin, speaking in London to-day said.

"FROM MY POINT OF VIEW HESS IS A MURDERER.

You can understand my feeling about Hess when I tell you that he was the man who collected every index card of every Trade Union leader in Germany and the Social Democrats and when the time came they were either sent to concentration camps or murdered.

I DO NOT BELIEVE THAT HITLER DID NOT KNOW HESS WAS COMING TO ENGLAND.

For a good many years, I have had to deal with these totalitarian gentlemen and communists and I have seen this kind of stunt over and over again.

I AM NOT GOING TO BE DECEIVED BY ANY OF THEM. HESS IS NOT THE MAN I WOULD EVER NEGOTIATE WITH".

WITHIN forty-eight hours of Herr Hess's landing in Scotland the Duke of Hamilton had an interview with him.

When Herr Hess expressed his desire to meet the Duke, word was sent to him through official sources and he immediately flew to Glasgow. The Duke had the interview with the Deputy Fuehrer while the latter was on his way to the hospital.

The Duke of Hamilton has submitted a report of his conversations with the Deputy Fuehrer to the Government.

HESS KEPT IN ISOLATED ROOM

The Duke of Hamilton saw Rudolf Hess within forty-eight hours of his parachute descent in Scotland, it is revealed to-day.

The Duke was on duty at an R.A.F. aerodrome when on official instructions he flew to Glasgow and met Hess in the presence of representatives of both the Intelligence Service and the Foreign Office. Thereafter the Duke returned to his duties.

Hess is stated to be in an isolated room with an officer in attendance and guards nearby. His condition is said to be improving rapidly.

HESS QUESTIONS IN COMMONS

Premier To Choose His Own Time To Make Statement

Contrary to earlier expectations, the Prime Minister did not make a statement in the House of Commons to-day on the outcome of the conversations of the Foreign Office official, Mr. Kirkpatrick with Herr Hess. He did, however, make a reference to the matter in answering a question why British authorities delayed publication of the news of Herr Hess's arrival instead of forestalling the German broadcast which alleged that Herr Hess was insane.

Mr. Churchill said: "It may be just as well that the Minister of Information did not do so since the suggestion of insanity has been repudiated by later fuller contradictory German explanations".

EARLY STATEMENT PROMISED

Mr. Granville (National Liberal) asked whether the Prime Minister would take the first opportunity of giving the House of Commons authentic news.

Mr. Churchill replied: "Yes, I will; but in the selection of an opportunity I shall be guided by public interest".

Pressed further about the delay in announcing the news of Herr Hess's arrival, Mr. Churchill said that it certainly was not unfor-

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TIT FOR TAT!

LONDON, May 15.

Information having been received that the German Government has discontinued the free issue of cigarettes to British prisoners of war, the British War Office has consequently taken parallel action where German prisoners of war are concerned, it is authoritatively stated.—Reuter.

"A SWINE & A ROGUE"

Czechs Can't Forget What Hess Has Done To Them & Their Country

Next Nazi Moves

LONDON, May 15.

The flight of Rudolf Hess to Britain is undoubtedly an event of first rate importance and will have definitely favourable reactions on Britain's war effort, but whatever may be the real cause of his flight, it will not have effect on events which are immediately pending, says Reuter's military commentator.

He adds: "Hitler's plans for the coming campaign will not be altered or delayed. Within a month as I see the situation, Hitler will invade Spain with or without France's consent and besiege Gibraltar and attempt to seize the Atlantic ports of Spain and Portugal.

There will be an attack on Turkey coupled with an attack on Crete and probably an invasion by air into Syria.

There will be a threat with perhaps eighty divisions which are standing ready, on Russia.

If Hitler can possibly do it, his forces in Libya will be reinforced and the attack on Egypt pressed, while attacks on Turkey and Syria are also underweigh.—Reuter.

"Quisling" Of France

SYDNEY, May 15.

A cable from Gen. De Gaulle was read at a large meeting of Free French urging redoubled attacks on Vichy declaring that Admiral Darlan was France's Quisling and Agent of Germany.

M. Brenac, the local Free French Leader said that the Free French in Australia were with the French people in the struggle against Germany.

There were emotional scenes at the meeting and cries. "Vive France" and "Vive Australie".

(From Our Correspondent).

LONDON, May 15.

At the Empire Press Luncheon M. Massaryk, the Czech Foreign Minister, said: "I feel very strongly. There are not such things as good Nazis. Hess is a first class swine with a capital "S". Hess is a first class rogue. I cannot forget that he raped my whole womenfolk and also children. Hess for twenty years has been a swine and those who think him the better Nazi are living under a delusion. I would say they are lunatics.

The Czech President agreed with M. Massaryk and added: "Hess is responsible for the most terrible things and the most dangerous decisions taken at any time regarding my country, Poland, the British Empire and all her Allies. One thing is, however, certain. Hess's presence here makes clear that there is universal conviction in Germany that she must finish the war this year if she wants to be victorious. Otherwise Germany is bound to lose. That is a good sign for all those who are fighting for the liberation of the world from Nazi domination".

MYSORE'S NEXT DEWAN.

BANGALORE, May 15.

Speculation is rife in political circles in Mysore as to the next occupant of the dewanship of the state consequent on the retirement of Sir Mirza Ismail.

The names of certain well-known administrators outside the state are mentioned for the post. But it is considered likely that the final choice may fall on Sir N. Madhava Rao First Member of The Executive Council who has a fairly long record of service as a member of the Mysore Civil Service. An official announcement may be expected next week.—A. P.

VICHY FALLS IN LINE

Declaration On Adhesion To "The New Europe" To Be Made Soon

RIBBENTROP'S VISIT TO PARIS

BERNE, May 15.

The Italian-controlled Tele-Press Agency reports from Vichy that Herr von Ribbentrop will shortly visit Paris in connection with the publication of a Franco-German declaration containing France's adhesion to "The New Europe." The declaration is also likely to contain formal territorial guarantees to France by Germany.

Political observers here note that the French public is still kept completely in the dark over French concessions to Germany, whereas Vichy is trying to exploit to the maximum the alleged advantages likely to be derived from the agreement with Germany—notably the return of the large number of French war prisoners and the demarcation of French zones to include Paris in the unoccupied area.

The fruits of the closer Franco-German co-operation are already visible in the banning of Swiss newspapers in France, thereby depriving the French public of having easy access to British news.

As regards Herr Hess the Berlin correspondents of the Swiss Press unanimously report consternation and amazement in Berlin.—Reuter.

PETAIN'S CONFESSION

LONDON, May 15.

Marshal Petain in a broadcast speech to-night referred to Admiral Darlan's recent talk with Herr Hitler in Germany and said. "I have approved the principles of the meeting.

This new meeting will enable us to see clearly the road into the future and to continue the talks begun with the German Government. Opinion that is apprehensive, because it is misinformed, no longer measures our chances and risks and judges our actions to-day. The question for you, Frenchmen, now is to follow me without reservation along the path of honour and national interest. If we successfully complete the negotiations now in progress, while maintaining the strictest discipline of our public spirit, France will overcome her defeat and be able to maintain in the world her position as a European and Colonial Power".

LATEST NEWS

SYRIA SOUGHT VICHY ADVICE.

CAIRO, May 15.

It is learned that General Denetz, French Governor and Commander-in-Chief of Syria and Lebanon on May 12 telegraphed to Vichy asking what attitude he should take in the event of German planes landing in Syrian air bases. The request was repeated on May 13 and 14, but it is not known whether a reply has yet been received.—Reuter.

IRAQ MINISTERS INTERVIEW TURKISH PRESIDENT.

LONDON, May 15.

The Turkish President Ineunu this afternoon gave an interview to Iraq Minister of War and Iraq Minister at Ankara, states the Ankara radio. In the afternoon, the President had received the Greek Minister and the Greek Ambassador at the Presidential Palace.—Reuter.

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S. T. College, Belgaum.
Secondary Teachers' College,
Belgaum, 14th May, 1941. (5038)

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Dated this 15th day of May, 1941.

SAMANT & CO.,
Purchaser's Attorneys. (5044)

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M. D. BHAT,
Municipal Commissioner
for the City of Bombay.

Municipal Offices,
Bombay, 14th May, 1941. (5039)

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Bengal Muslims Demand Joint Electorates

Association Formed To Secure Reform, Condemns Huq's Policy

At a meeting of the representatives of Bengalee Muslims representing Bengalee Muslim citizens of Calcutta and Mussalmans of Bengal, held in Calcutta recently, the "All Bengal Bengalee Muslims Association" was constituted. Moulvi Syed Habibur Rahaman, the President, was in the chair.

This Association has incorporated in its constitution the creed in the first place that Bengal is for Bengalees, Muslim and Hindus of the province, and shall therefore protect all rights of the Bengalee Muslims from political, economic and civic encroachments and onslaughts, and make Bengalee Muslims self-sufficient as masters in their own house in every way, politically, economically and culturally.

This Association will always carry on public work as a golden means between all Muslims parties; and all Bengalee Muslims hailing from the Muslim League, the Krishak Praja Party, etc., are eligible for its membership within its fold.

This Association on behalf of the Mussalmans of Bengal expresses it deep concern that Mr. Huq, his Cabinet and his M.L.A supporters, all being themselves Bengalee Muslims and elected to the Assembly by the Bengalee Muslims, have betrayed the interests of these very Bengalee Muslims in the Calcutta Corporation and deprived them of their legitimate civic rights in their own metropolis, driving out Bengalee Muslims from almost all nominated and elected Muslim seats of Corporation councillorship and Aldermanship, making importation of non-Bengalee Muslims in Corporation services, all due to the introduction of the separate electorate by the suicidal Calcutta Municipal Amendment Act, based upon a demand made not by Bengalee Muslim citizens of Calcutta or Mussalmans of Bengal, but by a group headed by Sir K. Nazimuddin, Nawab Khaja Habibullah and Mr. Suhrawardy serving by this piece of reactionary legislation their selfish ends, preparing the ground for the next general election.

This Association, therefore urges the Bengal Ministry to drop the second Municipal Amendment Bill, the offspring of the Calcutta Municipal Amendment Act, now pending before the Assembly and make an immediate amendment of the present Calcutta Municipal Amendment Act by restorting the joint electorate system of the monumental act of the late Sir Surendranath Banerjee.

This Association resolves to carry on an all-Bengal agitation on behalf of Mussalmans of Bengal if the Bill is not dropped and the Act is not removed from the statute book

S. M. AMENDMENT BILL

This Association urges the Bengal Ministry to make statutory provision for 25 Bengalee Muslim seats in Corporation councillorship and aldermanship and 25 per cent. of Muslim services in the Corporation for Bengalee Muslims and adult franchise for them for Corporation election so that the number of Bengalee Muslim voters may reflect the actual population strength.

By the last resolution the Association deplores the attitude of the non-Bengalee Muslim authorities of the Calcutta Muslim orphanage towards the rejection of Bengalee language from the curricula of the Bengalee Muslim students, compelling them against their will to read Urdu in place of Bengalee, which is their birthright to read as their own mother tongue. The Association therefore draws the attention of the Bengal Ministry for redressing this just grievance of the Bengalee Muslim students by restoring to them their own mother tongue of Bengalee in the curricula of the Bengal Muslim Calcutta Orphanage School financed by grants from the Bengal Government, Corporation and contributions, from the generous Muslims of Bengal.

INDIAN CHAMBER CRITICISES BENGAL CHAMBER

CALCUTTA, May 14.

The view that the attitude expressed by the president and members of the Bengal Chamber of Commerce in the statement made by them recently, dissociating themselves from the policy of the "Statesman", "certainly not conducive to creating the necessary goodwill and spirit of cooperation and partnership between Britain and India by resolving the existing deadlock in their mutual interests and for achieving a common objective", is expressed by the Committee of the Indian Chamber of Commerce, Calcutta, in a press "communique".

The Committee think that the opposition of British commercial interests to any plan for rapprochement implies that they objected to an enlargement of the Executive Council of the Governor-General, and to the handing over of portfolios, such as Defence and Finance to Indians.

In conclusion the Committee state that the Indian commercial community is not identified with any political party or group, but it feels that the present impasse is not only prejudicial to Indo-British relationship but also detrimental to the wider economic interests of both India and Britain and must be speedily and satisfactorily ended.—A. P.

Rule Against Government

Asked To Show Cause Why Welfare Society Should Not Get Licence

The refusal by Mr. Geoffrey McElhinnay, the Collector of Bombay and the Hon'ble J. A. Madan, Advisor to the Governor of Bombay in charge of the Revenue Department, to grant a license to the Bombay Welfare League for promoting schemes to raise funds for charitable purposes had a sequel in the Bombay High Court.

On the application of Jal Jehangir Kapadia and another, Jt. Hon. Secretaries of the League, the officiating Chief Justice Sir Patrick Blackwell, sitting as the vacation Judge, issued a rule calling upon the respondents to show cause why such a license should not be granted to the petitioner.

The League was founded in April 1940 with the object of rendering monetary help to deserving and charitable causes. In order to induce the public to donate liberally, the League set apart a portion of the funds raised and redistributed it among the donors as prizes. A number of humanitarian causes received help from the funds so raised by the League.

Later in September 1940 when the League launched a scheme for raising funds by cash bonuses, the first respondent (Collector of Bombay) informed them that under section 4 of the Bombay Prize Competition Tax Act XI of 1939 it was incumbent upon the League to obtain a licence for the promotion of the scheme.

The petitioners, thereupon, sent Rs. 10 as the required fee for the licence. The Collector, it was stated, refused to grant the licence and threatened to take legal proceedings, if the League did not discontinue their schemes.

The second respondent, whom the petitioners approached in appeal, also rejected the same.

In their petition to the High Court, the petitioner submitted that under the provisions of the Act, the respondents were bound to grant a license to the League for the schemes it had undertaken.

Mr. H. R. Pardiwalla, instructed by Messrs Katpitia & Co., appeared for the petitioners.

BANNU, May 14.—Hukumchand and Sohanlal who were kidnapped two months ago by the notorious Madha Khel outlaw, Sardar, near Islam Chowki have reached the Wana camp in South Waziristan having been released as a result of Government pressure.—United Press.

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ON THE AIR

FRIDAY, MAY 16.

Bombay I—Programme

244 metres (1,231 kc/s)

7-30 a.m. Air Qawwali party. 7-45 Sawai Gandharva. 8-5 News in Marathi. 8-15 News in Gujarati. 8-25 Air Sextet. 8-40 News in Hindustani. 8-50 News in English. 9 Vazirbai. 9-20 Karim Khan. 12-30 p.m. Ghazals from the grooves. 12-57 News in Hindustani. 1 Songs from the screen. 1-10 Dadra, Geet and Hori. 1-20 Mutual understanding. 1-30 News in English. 1-35 Lunch hour music. 5 To-morrow. 5-5 U. M. Maniar. 5-15 Mian Jani. 5-25 News in Marathi. 5-30 News in Gujarati. 5-35 Patanker. 5-45 Khayal in Nand. 6 News in English. 6-5 News in Hindustani. 6-10 Vazirbai. 6-30 Aunty Hilda's happy half hour. 7 New Marathi books. 7-15 Madhubala. 7-25 Local news and announcements. 7-30 Mian Jani. 7-45 Jaltarang Solo. 7-55 News in Marathi. 8-10 News in Gujarati. 8-25 Topic of the day. 8-30 World affairs. 8-45 Sound news. 9 News in Hindustani. 9-20 News in English. 9-30 B B C News relay. 10 Air Qawwali party. 10-10 Stars of the stage. 10-20 Sawai Gandharva.

Bombay II—Programme

41.44 metres (7.240 kc/s)

7-30 to 8-5 a.m. As in Bombay 1. 8-5 Sawai Gandharva. 8-25 to 8-40 As in Bombay 1. 8-40 Movie Melodies. 8-50 Marathi pad. 9 to 9-30 As in Bombay 1.

12-30 to 12-57 p.m. As in Bombay 1. 12-57 Raja and Topa. 1 to 1-30 As in Bombay 1. 1-30 Musical interlude. 1-35 to 2-25 As in Bombay 1.

5 to 5-25 As in Bombay 1. 5-25 Evening ragas. 5-35 to 6 As in Bombay 1. 6 U. M. Maniar. 6-10 to 7-15 As in Bombay 1. 7-15 Interval.

61.48 metres (4,880 kc/s)

7-30 p.m. Commercial news. 7-45 to 7-55 As in Bombay 1. 7-55 Sawai Gandharva. 8-25 to 9 As in Bombay 1. 9 The Bombay Radio Orchestra. 9-10 Vazirbai. 9-30 Adi Engineer. 9-40 Frank Pickford. 9-50 Mena Silas. 10-5 Hamish Craigie. 10-15 Melody Trio.

Delhi I—Programme

338.6 metres (886 kc/s)

5 p.m. Mashuq Ali Khan. 5-15 Nabi Jan. 5-30 Radhabai. 5-45 Haqqani Gane. 6 News in English. 6-5 News in Hindustani. 6-10 Special announcements. 6-15 Abdul Ghani. 6-30 Bande Hasan. 6-45 Puria on the sarangi. 6-55 Manohar. 7 Nabi Jan. 7-15 The song divine. 3. 7-30 Mashuq Ali Khan. 7-45 Abdul Ghani. 8 Darshan Pyasi. 8-15 For villagers only. 9 News in Hindustani. 9-20 News in English. 9-30 B B C News relay. 9-45 Bande Hasan. 10 Kallan Qawwal and party. 10-20 Mashuq Ali Khan 10-30 Radhabai. 10-45 News in English.

Calcutta I—Programme

370.4 metres (810 kc/s)

(Add 24 minutes to all timings for Calcutta time.)

5 p.m. For the children. 5-45 News in Bengali. 5-50 Kavya Sangit. 6 News in English. 6-5 Boys and girls come out to play. 6-40 Devi Chaudhurani. 8-40 Announcements in Bengali. 8-45 News in Bengali. 9 Kamal Das Gupta. 9-15 Announcements in English. 9-20 News in English. 9-30 B B C News relay. 10 Kartick Das. 10-20 Gocul Nag.

Madras I—Programme

211 metres (1,420 kc/s)

4 p.m. For children. 4-30 Tea time music. 5 Shrimati C. S. Rajam. 5-45 Instrumental music. 6-5 Dilip Kumar Roy. 6-30 Songs from 'Gita Govinda.' 7 Ulagapokku. 7-50 to 8-30 As in Trichinopoly. 8-30 World affairs. 8-45 to 9-15 As in Trichinopoly. 9-45 Topical talk. 10 to 10-30 As in Delhi 1.

B. B. C. Programme

(3-50 a.m. to 10-5, 25.53 m. and 31.32 m.; 4-25 p.m. to 8-30, 1.84 m 4-25 to 10, 19.82 m.; 8-30 to 10, 25.53 m.).

16-25 London calling. 16-30 News. 16-45 Questions of hour. 17-30 London calling. 17-40 Service. 18-30 News by Major Murray. 18-45 Variety—Starlight. 19-00 Front Line Family. 19-15 Gramophone. 19-25 London calling. 20-45 Music of Britain. 21-30 News. 21-45 Questions of hour.

RAILWAY TIME TABLE

G. I. P. Railway.

	Arr. H.M.	Dep. H.M.
Madras Mail		6-00
Peshawar Express		6-15
Calcutta Mail via Nagpur		8-55
Calcutta Mail via Chheoki		9-30
Madras Express		10-15
Poona Mail		10-30
Punjab Mail		11-30
Nagpur Express		15-00
Poona Express		19-30
Allahabad Express		20-25
Poona Fast Passenger		21-45
	22-00	
	22-45	
	18-10	
	20-15	
	14-30	
	17-30	
	17-40	
	21-00	
	08-05	
	07-00	
	12-10	

B. B. & C. I. Railway. (Arrivals at and Departures from Bombay Central.)

	Arr. H.M.	Dep. H.M.
Ahmedabad Passenger	6-35	13-05
Delhi Express	6-00	22-15
Gujarat Mail	7-25	22-00

Senate Approves Cotton Loan Legislation

RECORD BREAKING CONSUMPTION IN AMERICAN MILLS

Prices Reach New High Levels But React On Hedging And Realising

Bombay: May 15.

New York cotton prices rose to new high levels on Wednesday on the Senate approval of loan legislation and the record breaking domestic consumption. There was trade and local buying but later on prices reacted on hedge selling and profit taking.

Chicago wheat futures crossed the one dollar mark on the virtual assurance of higher crop loan legislation enabling producers to borrow 9c cents per bushel compared with 66 cents per bushel last year which touched off a general buying movement.

NEW YORK MARKET

The New York futures market moved up actively to new high levels on trade and mill demand and commission house buying influenced by unfavourable weekly weather report and this absorbed spot house selling against equities and profit-taking. Finally heavy realising developed and the market closed easy.

At the opening July was quoted 14 pts up at 12.99 and declined to 12.85 on increased selling and this proved to be the lowest level for the day. There was general buying and July advanced to 13.10 which was the highest level. During the last hour there was heavy realising and July reacted to 12.90. The market closed at a net rise of 5 to 14 pts. Spot cotton prices advanced 5 pts at 13.31c per lb.

NEW ORLEANS MARKET

The New Orleans Cotton Futures Market was fairly steady and after rapid price movement finally closed at a net rise of 5 to 12 points. Spot cotton prices gained 5 pts at 12.70c per lb.

PRIVATE CABLES—

New York July highest 13.10+25 (2-2 p.m.) lowest 12.85 (10-7 a.m.)

Messrs. Chunilal Mehta and Co., Ltd. have received to-day the following cable information from their foreign friends:—

New York—Market opened firm on continued trade and local buying Later eased on hedge selling and profit-taking.

NEW YORK COTTON

New York: May 14.

May	12.93+13
July	12.93+05
October	13.07 11
December	13.09+07
January	13.11+14
March	13.22+14
Middling Spot	13.31+05

NEW ORLEANS COTTON

New Orleans: May 14.

May	12.90+08
July	12.95+05
October	13.16+12
Middling Spot	12.70+06
December	13.21+10
January	13.17+12
March	13.26+11

NEW YORK COTTON

New York: May 14.

	11 a.m. Call.	Noon Call
May	12.95	12.90
July	12.99	12.94
October	13.15	13.08

NEW YORK COTTON DAILY STATISTICS

New York: May 14.

Day's receipts at all U. S. Ports 14,000 bales

Day's exports to Great Britain, the Continent and China and Japan are Nil.

BOMBAY COTTON

Bombay: May 15.

The local market being highly manipulated is fluctuating widely and even small buying and selling have more effect on prices. Following a rise of 5 pts in New York cotton futures the local market was due to open at Rs. 242 for Broach J/A delivery but the market opened firm at Rs. 246 and advanced to Rs. 249/8. At this level there was general realising and prices eased off to Rs. 244/8, but again improved to Rs. 246/8. Old Broach A/M was pushed up to a new high level of Rs. 324. After opening at Rs. 309 New Broach A/M rose to Rs. 231, but declined to Rs. 222/8 on general selling but recovered to Rs. 224/8 The Mahajan Association commenced trading in new Broach A/M to-day. The market was sensitive and erratic.

Later on there was persistent long liquidation and Broach J/A declined to Rs. 241/8 and new Broach A/M was quoted at Rs. 221/8. There was bull support and prices improved. The market closed at 5 p.m. as under:—

	Rs.as.ps.
F G M G Broach—	
April/May 1941	311 8 0
July/August	243 4 0
April/May 1942	221 0 0
Fine M G Oomra—	
May	167 12 0
July	169 4 0
December/January	174 0 0
F G M G Bengal—	
May	131 0 0
July	132 0 0
December/January	140 0 0

AMERICAN COTTON FIGURES

F. P. Bales.	1940/41	1939/40
Receipts to date 14-5-41	3616000	7334000
Receipts yesterday 14-5-41	14000	4000
Export to date 14-5-41	916000	5997000
Stock at Ports 9-5-41	3345000	8631000
Stock at interior towns do	2748000	2355000
Stock at Liverpool 9-5-41		
Visible supply 9-5-41		
Quantity in sight 9-5-41	10668000	12883000
Quantity out of sight 9-5-41		8838000

LINSEED & WHEAT

Bombay: May 15.

Linseed May	5 3 3
Linseed September	5 6 6
Wheat May	3 15 6
Wheat September	4 1 9

Kathiawar Mail	6-50	21-30
Frontier Mail	8-15	21-15
	(Mon)	(Sat)
The Flying Ranee, Bulsar	*9-15	15-35
The Flying Ranee, Surat	*9-48	15-10
The Flying Ranee, Surat (Except Monday)	10-58	00-00
The Flying Ranee, Surat (Except Saturday)	00-00	18-05
Ahmedabad Passenger	14-15	22-30
Kathiawar Express	19-05	8-45
Baroda Passenger	20-48	9-00

*If Monday is a Bank Holiday, these trains will run on Tuesday.

COLOMBO QUOTATIONS

Colombo: May 15.

Rubber 62 1/4 sheet, 62 1/2 crepe. Yesterday's closing 61 sheet and crepe. Copra 27.25. Cocoanut oil F.O.B., 20.000 nominal.—A. P.

BOMBAY METALS

Bombay: May 15.

Yellow metal sheet	Rs. 72/8
Copper sheets	Rs. 79/12

Tone:—Dull.

Ahmedabad Share Bazar Quotations

Ahmedabad: May 15.

Following are the closing quotations of the Share Bazar:—

the Share Bazar of 15th:—

Calico 895, Ambika 294/8, Motilal Hirabhai 51/8, Marsdan 119/8, Monograme 77/8, Ordinary 356.

Groundnuts And Seeds

Bombay: May 15.

	Rs.as.ps.
Castorseeds May—	
Opening	
Highest	
Lowest	
Closing	31 4 0
Cottonseeds May—	
Opening	20 1 0
Highest	20 3 0
Lowest	20 1 0
Closing	20 3 0
Groundnuts May—	
Opening	28 12 0
Highest	29 2 0
Lowest	28 12 0
Closing	29 2 0
Groundnuts August—	
Opening	30 2 0
Highest	30 8 0
Lowest	30 1 0
Closing	30 6 0
Castorseeds September—	
Opening	32 8 0
Highest	32 10 0
Lowest	32 8 0
Closing	32 8 0
Cottonseeds September—	
Opening	21 0 6
Highest	21 1 3
Lowest	20 15 0
Closing	21 0 0

Bombay Yarn Quotations

HEDGE CONTRACT RATES

Bombay: May 15.

Yarn No.	June	August	October
6 1/2s.	137	138	139
10 1/2s.	149	150	151
20 1/2s.	223	225	226½
40s.	325	327	329

PEPPER & GINGER.

Bombay: May 15.

The Pepper and Ginger Merchants' Association, Ltd.:—

	Rs.as.ps.
Pepper ready Alleppey per candy	85 0 0
Pepper Jeth Sud 15 per candy	86 12 0
Pepper Bhadarva Sud 15 per candy	87 12 0
Ginger bleached ready per cwt	17 0 0

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INDIAN STOCK EXCHANGE

Bombay: May 15.

The market opened steady and initially ruled strong but later declined on selling pressure. Tata Deferreds opened at 1800 and, after touching 1806, began to decline steadily to 1775. Tata Ordinaries opened at 363 and after being quoted at 364, came down to 358. Bombay Dyeings were also easier being quoted at 985. Indian Irons ruled lower around 28/11.

The following were the important quotations on the Exchange to-day:—

Tata Deferreds (1808) 1800 1806 1780 85 75

Tata Ordinaries (365/8) 363 64 59/8 60 68.

Tata Ordinary 358, Tata Deferred 1770, Indian Iron 28/11, Bombay Dycing 985, Century 365, Central India 270, Kohinoor 385, Associated Cement 132/4, Bombay Burma not quoted, Scindia Steam 19/10, Tata Hydro 173/12 Reserve Bank 102/4, Imperial Bank F P 1547/8, Central Bank 41/14, Bank of India 139/8, 3 1/2 per cent Paper 95/6.

GOVERNMENT SECURITIES

Bombay, May 15.

2 3/4 per cent 1948/1952 Loan 97-7
3 1/2 per cent G P Notes 95 8
3 per cent 1941 Bonds 100-6
3 per cent 1951/54 Bonds 99-11
3 per cent 1963/65 Loan 94-10
3 1/2 per cent 1947/50 Loan 102-8
4 per cent 1960/70 Loan 108-7
4 per cent 1943 Bonds 104-6
3 per cent War Bands 101-10
4 1/2 per cent 1955/60 Loan 112-12

TAX FREE LOANS

5 per cent 1945/55 Loan 110-14
4 per cent 1963/65 Mysore 115
5 per cent 1955 Mysore 125

CORPORATION DEBENTURES

4 per cent B P T 1941 108
4 per cent M Deb 1974 107-8
5 per cent M Deb 1959 115-8
6 per cent M Deb 1954 127
6 per cent K P T 1956 127

Tone:—Firm

LONDON RUBBER

LONDON: May 14.

Smoked sheets standard ribbed per lb. 14-1/8 buyers.

COTTON ROOM RATES

Bombay: May 15.

	Extra Spr.	fine	Sup.	Fine.	F.G.	Good
M G Bengal U P		140	138	136	134	
M G Punjab		140	138	136	134	
M G Rajputana		147	145	143	141	
M G Oomra No. 3	180	177	174	171	...	
M G C. P. No. 1	212	209	206	203	...	
M G C. P. No. 2	190	187	184	189	...	
M G Broach No. 2		328	325	322	319	
M G Punjab/American		371	368	365	362	
M G Surat		439	436	433	430	
M G Rajpipla		434	431	428	425	
M G Navsari		449	446	443	440	

READY COTTON QUOTATIONS.

Bombay: May 15.

Bengal Fine	136/39
Berar	173/76
C. P. 1	205/07
C. P. 2	180/83
Khandesh	145/47
Muglai	160/63
Broach	238/48
Punjab S G 289F	378/88
Punjab R G 289F	353/58
Punjab R G 4F	293/300

INDIAN COTTON FIGURES

Bombay: May 15

RECEIPTS INTO BOM. OF IND. COTTON

In full-pressed bales.	Yesterday.	Since 1st Septr. This year.	Last year
Khandesh	107	97,891	58,096
Central India	184	135,867	108,209
Barsi and Nagar	513	110,219	112,069
Hyderabad/Gaorani		42,928	47,141
Berar	413	359,127	312,048
Central Provinces	192	75,513	74,897
Total Oomras	1,409	821,545	709,450
Dholeras	135	83,922	82,666
N.-W. Provinces		1,306	25,551
Rajputana		5,496	33,226
Sind-Punjab	611	505,494	339,890
Broach	6,530	231,011	399,107
Coompta & Dharwar	594	82,046	34,558
Westerns-Northerns	835	74,576	28,584
Cocanada		239	86
Tinnevelly and Cambodia		2,615	1,355
Total	10,114	1,808,244	1,654,473
Arrived by road to 8th May 1941		288,133	266,387

TEJI MANDI PREMIUMS.

Bombay: May 15.

Wheat September	0 6 3
Linseed September	0 9 3
Groundnut August	2 10 0
Castorseed September	3 8 0
Cottonseed September	1 8 0
Silver 1st Settlement	0 11 0
Silver 2nd Settlement	1 4 0
Gold 1st Settlement	0 9 0
Gold 2nd Settlement	0 14 0

HIGH & LOW COTTON PRICES

Bombay: May 15.

	Highest	Lowest	Closing at 5 p.m.
Broach A/M	311	280	310
Broach J/A	248	237	247 3/4
Broach A/M 1942	229	220 1/2	229
Oomra May	176 1/2	168 1/2	176 1/2
Oomra July	178	170	178
Oomra D/J	183	174 1/2	183
Bengal May	135	128 1/2	136
Bengal July	137	131	137
Bengal D/J	144	137 1/2	144

COTTON PARITY

Broach A/M below New York May 121 cent points at 331.

Broach J/A below New York July 359 cent points at 331.

Broach A/M New below N.Y. March 463 cent points at 331.

WILL MONSOON BE LATE THIS YEAR?

TRIVANDRUM May 15.

The Southwest Monsoon this year may be late by two or three weeks according to the Meteorological authorities. It usually breaks over Travancore towards the end of May, but this year it is expected to set in only about the middle of June according to the present indications. Pre-Monsoon conditions are yet noticeable. The weather forecast for the current week is that hot weather conditions will prevail. Thunderstorm rains have been occurring in Travancore for the two or three weeks now.—A. P.

Dust-Storm And Torrential Rain

MULTAN: May 15.

A dust-storm of great intensity, accompanied by torrential rain, swept over Multan on Tuesday night A large number of trees were uprooted and sheds of several shops blown off, causing dislocation of traffic on public roads and streets. Damage is reported to have been caused to fruit-growing trees and corn lying in fields. No loss of life is, however, reported.—A P.

LONDON EXCHANGES

LONDON: May 14.

T T London on New York 4.02 1/2-4.03 1/2; Madrid 40.50; Montreal 4.43/4.47; Berne 17.30/17.40; Stockholm 16.85/16.95.

Renewed Liquidation In Shares

STEELS AND TEXTILES DOWN

Buyers Hesitant And Tone Easy

Bombay: May 15.

The local Share Bazar opened steady today but there being no follow-up on the buying side, prices gradually sagged on scattered selling influenced by war news. The market was dull at the decline with limited business.

The local market is now busily engaged in the talk of conversion of Tata Steel Defd shares into Ordinary shares. There was utter absence of any buying of Ordinary shares. Last year there were similar reports in the market and if at all the move is possible it will take months to see the light of the day. The process needs many formalities and we do not care to give much importance to such reports.

The Wall-Street market was desultory and movements were very small hugging previous day's close. The heaviness of rails weigh-

ACTIVE SHARES AT A GLANCE

Bombay: May 15.

Bombay Dyeing (1041/4) 1040 1025 1027 1017 1022 1015 1012

Century (398) 396 392 393 388 391 385 386 385/8

Central India (288/8) 291 281 282 281 280

Kohinoor (400) 400 393 391 390 391

New Great (387) 387 382 375

Simplex (101/8) 102 97 98 96

Swadeshi (287) 287 283 284 280 282 280 279

Associated Cement (138) 137 137/4 136 135/8 135/12

Andhra (1885) 1885

Tramway Ordinary (132/8) 132

Tata Hydro (179) 178

Tata Power (1570) 1572 1570

Tata Steel Deferred (1850) 1850 1832 1820 1825 1805 1815 1800 1802/8

Tata Steel Ordinary (367) 367 362 363 360 361 359 360

Tata Steel 2nd Preference (147) 147/4 147 146/12

Beliapur (203) 203

Bombay Steam (309/8) 309

Bombay Burma (452/8) 450 440 441 436 435

ed down the remainder of the list irregularly. Moreover, some operators were taking to the side lines in anticipation of possible sequels to Hess sensation. U. S. Steel shares closed 3/8 down at 53 1/2 and Anaconda Copper Mining shares were unchanged at 25 1/8 dollars.

The local market assumed sagging tendency throughout the session and tone at the close was easy. Tata Steel Defds opened at Rs. 1850 and eased off to Rs. 1805 while Ordinary shares opened at Rs. 367 and declined to Rs. 360. Bombay Dyeing shares opened at Rs. 1040 and edged off to Rs. 1015. There was limited business and buyers were hesitant.

TEXTILE SHARES

Bombay, May 15.

100	Ahm. Advance	274	8
250	BOMBAY DYEING	1012	8
100	CENTURY	385	8
100	CENTRAL INDIA	280	0
100	COLABA	163	0
100	Coorla	103	4
250	Davin	37	8
250	Dawn	322	8
1	E. D. Sassoon Def.	0 13	3
100	FINLAY	182	0
100	GOKAK X.D.	191	0
1000	Hindustan	2190	0
100	Indore	75	0
100	Khatau	145	0
100	KOHINOOR	391	0
250	LAXMI X.D.	476	0
100	MORARJI	205	0
250	Mod. I	85	0
50	MYSORE	110	0
200	NEW GREAT	375	0
100	Oosmanshani	60	0
100	Phoenix	280	0
25	Sassoon Silk	82	0
1000	Sholapur	2825	0
50	SIMPLEX	96	0
100	SWADESHI	279	0
100	SWAN	183	0
500	Vishnu X.D.	1212	8
1000	Western	1150	0

BANKS

50-100	BARODA	107	0
25-50	CENTRAL	41	12
500	IMPERIAL	1547	8
125-500	Imp. Contrys.	379	6
50-100	India	139	4
100	RESERVE BANK	102	8
5	UNION	6	4

CEMENTS

100	ASSOCIATED	131	12

INSURANCE

100	Empire	652	8
15-100	JUPITER	13	8
20	Mercantile	62	8
15-75	NEW INDIA	42	4
200	Oriental	3880	0
10-50	Vulcan	8	9

ELECTRIC

100	AHMD. OLD	175	10
1000	ANDHRA VALLEY	1885	0
10	AJMER	12	1
50	BUMBAY TRAM	132	8
100	Bombay Suburban	185	0
10	Broach	13	2
100	Karachi	215	4
100	Poona	214	6
100	Surat	175	0
100	TATA HYDRO	178	0
1000	TATA POWER	1570	0

RAILWAYS

500	Ahmedabad Prantij	8/1	4
100	C Province	104	12
100	Dhond Baramati	104	4
100	Gujarat	100	0
100	Mandra Bhoi	104	0
100	Pachora Jamner	63	8
100	Sara Sirajgunj	103	0
500	Tapti Valley	645	0

MININGS

9	Burma Corporation	4	8
10	Indian Copper	1 15	6
10	Indian Iron and Steel	28	14
10	SHIVRAJPUR	30	12

30	TATA STEEL DEF.	1802	8
75	TATA STEEL ORD.	360	0
10	Steel Corporation	17	14

MISCELLANEOUS

100	ALCUCK	557	8
10	Air Services	3	8
50	BELAPUR SUGAR	203	0
200	Bombay Safe Dep.	595	0
250	BUMBAY STEAM	309	8
125	B. Burma	435	0
50	B. Burma Cont.	152	8
8sh.	Br. B. Petrol	3	3
50	BOMBAY TELEPHONE	86	0
100	IND. BLEACHING	130	0
50	Ind. Invest Trust	44	0
100	Indian Radio Def	527	8
100	Indian Radio Ord.	522	3
100	Port Canning	87	12
30	PREMIER CON.	85	0
15	SCINDIA	19	8
25	Tata Oil	38	14
100	Wimco X.D.	194	0

PREFERENCE

7	p.c. Andhra Valley	1540	0
6	p.c. Bombay Steam	313	12
7	p.c. Bom. Tram (T. F.)	76	0
5	p.c. Central India (T. F.)	637	0
6	1/4 p.c. Prem Const 1st	116	4
6	1/4 p.c. Prem Const. 2nd	108	8
7	p.c. Tata Hydro	155	10
7	1/2 p.c. Tata Power	1580	0
6	p.c. Tata Steel 1st	213	12
7	1/2 p.c. Tata Steel 2nd	146	12
7	p.c. Vishnu	753	12

DEBENTURES

3	3/4 p.c. Andhra Valley	101	4
6	p.c. Andhra Valley	101	4
4	p.c Bom Telephone	51	8
5	p.c. Sholapur	71	2

IMPERIAL BANK OF INDIA

Statement of the affairs of the Imperial Bank of India on the 9th May 1941.

LIABILITIES	Rs.	Rs.
CAPITAL:—		
Authorised—2,25,000 shares of Rs. 500 each	11,25,00,000	
Issued and subscribed—2,25,000 shares of Rs. 500 each	11,25,00,000	
Called up—75,000 shares of Rs. 500 each, fully paid	3,75,00,000	
1,50,000 shares of Rs. 500 each, Rs. 125 paid	1,87,50,000	5,62,50,000
Reserve Liability of Shareholders—Rs. 375 per share on 1,50,000 shares	5,62,50,000	
Reserve Fund		5,62,50,000
Fixed Deposit, Savings Bank, Current and other Accounts		98,47,48,000
Loans against securities per contra		—
Acceptances for Constituents		—
Sundries		88,50,000
	Rupees	110,60,98,000

ASSETS	Rs.	Rs.
INVESTMENTS:—		
Government securities	56,21,27,000	
Other Authorised Investments	1,10,68,000	57,31,95,000
ADVANCES:—		
Loans	8,61,50,000	
Cash Credits and Overdrafts	28,03,01,000	
Bills Discounted and Purchased	6,34,65,000	41,99,16,000
Liability of Constituents for Acceptances per contra		—
Dead Stock		1,81,84,000
Sundries		86,54,000
Bullion		—
CASH:—		
In hand and with the Reserve Bank of India	7,71,14,000	
Balances with other Banks	90,35,000	8,61,49,000
	Rupees	110,60,98,000

London Stock Exchange

LONDON: May 14.

On the Stock Exchange the generally firm undertone was maintained with Kaffirs, Coppers and Oils encouraged by the details of wasting assets allowances announced in the Finance Bill. Industrials were steady to firm with useful gains in Breweries and Unilever while Dunlops partially recovered after losing a shilling on 10 per cent distribution against 12 of last year. Japanese were higher among foreigners, which generally remain firm. Wall Street was dull.

American Mills Cotton Consumption

The U.S.A Mills cotton consumption for the month of April amounted to 9,20,000 bales against 8,54,000 bales in March 1941.

GOLD AND SILVER

Bombay: May 15.

Yesterday London Gold was unchanged at £8/8/0. Dollar Sterling cross rate was 4.02½ to 4.03 1/2 at London and 4.03 1/4 at New York.

London spot Silver prices recovered 1/16d at 23 1/2d and forward quotation was unchanged. New York spot Silver was unchanged at 34 3/4 cents and Shanghai T T on London was quoted 3 1/8. London Bombay spot and forward Silver parity was Rs. 62/10/3. The local market remains dull on unfounded rumours and buyers are holding off.

Quotations were as under:—Gold Silver

Ready	Rs. 42 1 6	62 5 0
Jeth	Rs. 42 2 3	62 6 0
Ashad	Rs. 42 3 0	62 7 0

Sovereigns: Rs. 28/6/9.

LONDON GOLD

LONDON: May 14.

Gold bars fine per Oz. £8/8/0

LONDON SILVER

LONDON: May 14.

Spot	23 1/2
Forward	23 1/2

LONDON SEEDS

LONDON: May 14.

Wheat Rozario Santa Fe 20/7 1/2 May/June quoted.

Wheat Barletta Russo 20/9 May/June quoted.

Wheat South Australian 27/6 May/June quoted.

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE

LONDON: May 14.

Rupee Paper 3 1/2 per cent	£69 1/2
Indian Stocks—	£
3 per cent 1948	88
3 1/2 per cent 1931 or later	99 1/2
Consols 2 1/2 per cent	78 1/2
Conversion Loan 3 1/2 per cent 1961	104 1/4
War Loan 3 1/2 per cent	103 5/8
Funding Loan 4 per cent 1960/90	113
Victory Bonds 4 per cent	111 7/8
Chartered Bank of India, Australia and China	8 3/4
Hongkong and Shanghai Bank (London Register)	72 1/2
National Bank of India	30 1/2

SUGAR MARKET

Bombay: May 15.

Fine White Java Sugar per cwt—

From Bond Rs. 10/6

Shipment March Rs. 9/6 F.B.H.

Shipment May/June Rs. 9/5 F.B.H.

Indian Sugars Ready—

Ready ordinary Rs. 14/2 to 14/10

Ready large grain Rs. 14/12 to 15/4.

Tone—Steady.

PRODUCE MARKET.

Bombay: May 15.

The British Food Ministry has invited tenders for 4000 tons of groundnuts at £10 and the rebate of shillings 15 is cancelled. 8000 tons groundnuts tenders for Madras, Goa are invited at £10 with the rebate. Similarly 3000 tons of linseed tenders are invited and the rebate is reduced 50 per cent to shillings 7 1/2.

Ready groundnuts bold are done at Rs. 5/12/6 and small at Rs. 5/14/0. Linseed ready bold at Rs. 7/1/6 and small at Rs. 6/15/6. Wheat Picci is quoted at Rs. 5/5/6. Karachi Bangla at Rs. 5/5/3 and Cawnpore Delhi quality at Rs. 5/4/6.

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NEW YORK COTTON NINE POINTS DOWN

COTTON:

LATEST NEW YORK COTTON PRICES
JULY 1941
New York, May 15

Previous closing	12.90
To-day's opening	12.95
Difference	+.05
To-day's closing	12.81
Difference	—.09

BROACH EXPECTATION

Broach April/May	Rs. 309/0
Broach July/August	Rs. 241/0
Broach April/May	Rs. 218/8

NEW YORK COTTON
New York, May 15

The New York cotton again exhibited improved sentiment but lack of definite news exercised caution.

Trading in July began at 12.95 i.e. five points higher than last close. Prices advanced on increased trade and local support which easily absorbed stray hedging and liquidation.

The following are to-day's opening ranges in New York cotton :—
July (12.99/99) 12.98/95
October (3.04/30) 13.06/06

LONDON COMMODITIES
London, May 15

Castorseeds unquoted
Linseed Bombay Calcutta May June (£18 9/16 quoted) £18 9/16
Linseed La Plata June (£11 3/4) £11 3/4
Groundnut Coromandal May June (£17 1/4) quoted) £17 1/4

JUTES
Dundee May (£47) £47
Lightning May (£43) £43

RUBBER
Spot (14 3/8d) 14 3/8d
Forward July September (14 1/4d paid) unavailable.

LONDON METALS
Tin (£270 buyers; £270 1/4 sellers) £269 3/4 buyers; £270 sellers
Electrolytic Copper (£62) £62
Lead (£25) £25
Glasgow Irone No. 3 (131 sh.) 131 sh.

FOR BENEFIT OF GROUNDNUT PRODUCERS

SIMLA, May 14

At the meeting of the Export Advisory Council which began to-day, Sir Ramaswami Mudaliar, President, in the course of his opening remarks pointed out that in pursuance of the suggestion made by him at the last meeting, His Majesty's Government had been approached to credit to the Government of India the difference between the contract price and the actual price of groundnuts, so that the fund augmented from other sources might be utilised for the benefit of the producer.

Sir Ramaswami was glad to announce that this suggestion had been accepted and from January 12 to the end of April the amount credited by His Majesty's Government was £100,000.

The Commerce Member added that the question of linseed had also been raised at the last meeting; but, he was glad to inform the Council, before the Government of India approached His Majesty's Government in this matter, His Majesty's Government on their own initiative stated that they would accept the same procedure for linseed, and an amount of £15,000 had been similarly credited by H. M. G. to the Government of India till the end of April.

The Commerce Member referred to the export of wool and explained the basis on which further export of 20,000 bales to the United States was being allocated to merchants.

After the Commerce Member's speech, Mr. Chunilal Mehta declared that the commercial community was entirely behind the war effort; they also recognised the restrictions imposed by war conditions and were prepared to help to the fullest extent in meeting these conditions.

The Council thereafter had a discussion on the action taken by Government on the various recommendations made at the last meeting. It will meet again to-morrow to consider further items on the agenda.—A.P.

Advisory Council Meeting Concludes

SIMLA, May 15

At the meeting of the Export Advisory Council which concluded its two-day session to-day, it is understood a resolution was passed expressing appreciation of the Commerce Member's and his Department's efforts to help Indian Export trade to the fullest extent possible under present conditions.

The question of alternative markets for Indian hides and skins was examined and in this connection South Africa as a potential outlet was specially considered. It was pointed out however that South Africa enforced certain stringent import regulations, and the Government were giving attention to this aspect.

The American market for Indian Mica was discussed in the light of the observations made in the Meek Gregory Report, particularly with reference to the threat of competition from Brazil. It was stated that Government were actively examining this, and that in order to obviate certain difficulties felt by the trade, Government were themselves now purchasing mica for export to America.—A.P.

Plea For Rent Control In Rangoon

RANGOON: May 15.

The Corporation of Rangoon has passed a resolution urging on the Government the immediate necessity for an enquiry into the desirability or otherwise of bringing into operation the Rent Control Act in view of the hardship caused to all classes of tenants particularly the poor by the "unjustifiable raising of rents by a large section of landlords in Rangoon and the hardship caused by the consequent insecurity of tenure."

Another resolution passed by the Corporation related to the appointment of a special Committee to examine the possibilities or otherwise of municipalising the private markets in Rangoon.—A. P

EXCHANGES:

CROSS RATES

T. T. NEW YORK ON LONDON
New York, May 15

Previous closing	4.03 1/4
To day's opening	4.03 1/4

T. T LONDON ON NEW YORK
London, May 15

Previous closing	4.02 1/2 to 4.03 1/2
To day's opening	4.02 1/2 to 4.03 1/2
To day's closing	4.02 1/2 to 4.03 1/2

LONDON EXCHANGES
London, May 15

London Exchange opened with the sterling/dollar at 4.02.50 to 4.03.50, which is officially fixed rate.

LONDON BULLION
LONDON GOLD
London, May 15

London Gold (£8-8-0) £8-8-0

LONDON SILVER
London, May 15

Spot (23 1/2d) 23 7/16d
Forward (23 1/2d) 23 1/2

CROSS RATES

London on Bombay (1-5 31/32) 1-5 31/32
Paris on Bombay not quoted
New York on Milan not quoted
New York on Bombay (30.33) 30.33
London on Shanghai (0-3 1/8 to 0-3 7/16) 0-3 5/32 to 0-3 15/32
London on Kobe (1-2 to 1-2 1/2) 1-2 to 1-2 1/2.

DISCOUNTS

3 months (1 1/4 to 1 1/4 per cent) 1 1/4 to 1 1/4 per cent.
4 months (1 1/16 to 1 1/4 per cent) 1 1/16 to 1 1/4 per cent.
6 months (1 1/8 to 1 1/4 per cent) 1 1/8 to 1 1/4 per cent.

BULLION AND SEEDS
Bombay, May 15

There was no trading during the night session.

POSITION OF SCHEDULED BANKS

Statement of the position of scheduled banks as at the close of business on 9th May :—

1. Demand Liabilities :	
(a) In India	174,83,14,000
(b) In Burma	9,84,38,000
2. Time Liabilities :	
(a) In India	102,44,81,000
(b) In Burma	4,00,29,000
3. Cash :	
i. Currency notes of the Government of India and Bank Notes :	
(a) In India	7,12,18,000
(b) In Burma	54,000
ii. Burma Notes :	
(a) In India	24,000
(b) In Burma	53,61,000
iii. Rupee Coin :	
(a) In India	1,08,53,000
(b) In Burma	1,11,000
iv. Subsidiary Coin :	
(a) In India	32,43,000
(b) In Burma	43,000
4. Balances with Reserve Bank	24,79,63,000
5. Advances :	
(a) In India	126,91,21,000
(b) In Burma	6,91,26,000
6. Bills discounted :	
(a) In India	6,46,16,000
(b) In Burma	13,59,000

Comparative statement of the position of scheduled banks :
(In thousand Rupees)

	2-5-1941	25-1941	10 5-1940	1 9 1939
1. Demand Liabilities in India & Burma	184,67,52 (9,84,38)	184,23,99 (9,60,14)	148,41,07 (7,43,74)	141,39,78 (7,03,29)
2. Time Liabilities in India & Burma	106,46,10 (4,00,29)	105,60,29 (3,99,94)	113,71,13 (3,75,82)	106,46,46 (4,22,12)
3. Total cash in India & Burma	9,09,17 (55.69)	8,92,03 (62.25)	6,85,60 (27,46)	7,29,82 (59,37)
4. Balances with Reserve Bank	24,79,63	25,69,12	17,80,65	25,27,75
5. Advances in India & Burma	132,82,47 (6,91,36)	131 43,56 (6,63,29)	153,41,72 (4,99,86)	108 65,03 (4,12,92)
6. Bills discounted in India & Burma	6,59,75 (13,59)	6,75,57 (16,92)	5,77,46 (24,86)	3,86,74 (29,45)

(Burma figures are shown in brackets).

WIDESPREAD THUNDERSHOWERS

POONA: May 15.

Thundershowers have been fairly widespread in Assam and have occurred locally in the Western Himalayas, North and South-east Bengal, Mysore and Malabar. A few light thundershowers are reported in Orissa, Chota Nagpur, East Central Provinces, West Rajputana and South Deccan.

The chief amounts of rainfall are: Mymensingh, Bellary and Mercara 1 1/2 inches each; Muktesar 1; Chirapunji, Gauhati, Silchar, Chittagong, Dalhousie, Murree and Mysore 1/2 each; Dibrugarh, Barisal, Jalpaiguri, Dehra Dun, Lahore, Dras, Simla, Dharampur, Jodhpur, Hyderabad, Calicut and Trivandrum 1/4 each.

Temperatures still continue appreciably below normal in the Punjab.

Forecast until the 16th evening: Thundershowers will be fairly widespread in Assam, East and North Bengal and occur locally in Hyderabad, Madras Deccan, Mysore and Malabar. A few thundershowers are also likely in Southeast Madras, South Konkan, South Bombay Deccan, East Central Provinces, Orissa, Southwest Bengal, Bihar, Chota Nagpur, United Provinces and Western Himalayas.

Earthquake report: An earthquake shock of slight intensity at its origin about 800 miles away was recorded by the Bombay seismographs at 12.hrs. 48 mins. (I.S.T.) on Wednesday, May 14.—A. P.

COTTON MARKET REDUCED TO A GAMBLING COUNTER, PURE AND SIMPLE

Bombay: May 15.

Messrs. Bruel and Co. state :—

The professed interest of the Khelawallahs for the welfare of the poor ryot attracted to them tenders yesterday for a further 50,150 bales making the total to date 1,41,600 bales as surveys and appeals on last Wednesday's tenders have not yet been completed, the May Broach contract will probably have matured before yesterday's tenders are finally disposed of and as there seems to be nothing to prevent the Khelawallahs from forcing the contract price up at the rate of Rs. 25 per day, those who tendered yesterday at Rs. 251 may wake up towards the end of the month to find their cotton invoiced back to them at Rs. 300 or perhaps Rs. 400 or possibly even Rs. 500. That is all part of the game, and, of course, not at all detrimental to the interests of the trade or of members of the Association, but we cannot quite follow how the Ryot is going to be benefited.

Having watched the Khelawallahs at play and both Government and the Association inactive, we must again warn our constituents that the July/August Broach contract is as vulnerable and as liable to manipulation as the April/May contract has proved itself to be from performing the function of providing legitimate method of protecting merchants against risks it has been reduced to a gambling counter pure and simple. Open commitments in the contract are estimated 4,00,000 bales and the supply of tenderable cotton which would normally protect the contract will by the end of this month, be in the hands of one Party. Sales of the July/August Broach against stocks of any variety of cotton tenderable against the contract provide no security for holders seeing that the best of all Indian cotton experts cannot be certain that any particular lot will survive the ordeal of survey and appeal whilst to have holdings of non-tenderable varieties hedged with sales of the contract looks to us like committing suicide.

No hedge is better than a bad hedge but with our new crop contracts moving up under the influence of the advance in America we favour the use of these contracts as a medium for hedging stocks. America has ceased to be dependent upon overseas markets, but India is not in that happy position, nor is her domestic consumption likely to be able to take care of her crops for many a year to come, so that the American and Indian markets are hardly likely to move in unison.

3 1/2 P.C. STERLING LOAN
London, May 15

3 1/2 per cent Indian Sterling Loan closed to-day at £99 1/2

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE
London, May 15

London Stock Exchange maintained a firm tone.

AUSTRALIAN LOANS
London, May 15

5 per cent 1958/68 (£104 3/4) £105

BRITISH FUNDS

2 1/2 per cent Consols (£78 1/2) £78 1/2
3 1/2 per cent Conversion Loan (£104 1/4) £104 1/8
2 1/2 per cent Conversion Loan (£99 1/8) £99 1/8
4 per cent Funding Loan (£113) £112 7/8
3 1/2 per cent War Loan (£103 5/8) £103 1/2
New War Loan (£100 1/2) £100 3/8
4 1/2 per cent Victory Bonds (£111 7/8) £111 3/4

INDUSTRIALS

Standard Motors (11-1 1/2) 11-1 1/2
Marks and Spencer Ordinary (30-4 1/2) 30 9
Hydro Electric No dealings
Electric Music Industry (7-3) 7-6
Princhin Johnson (17-6) 17-6
Imperial Chemicals (30-7 1/2) 30-10 1/2
Woolsworth New Ordinary (47.7 1/2) 47-9
San Paulo 7 per cent Coffee Rates (£49) £49 1/2
Dundee Rubber (34-0) 34-4 1/2
Unilever Ordinary (20-10 1/2) 21-0
Ford Motors (17-9) 17-9
Cables and Wireless New Ordinary (£62 1/2) £63 1//2
British American Tobacco Ordinary (88-9) 88-9
Carreas 'A' (£3 3/4) £3 3/4
Imperial Tobacco Ordinary (93-1) 93 9
P and O Def (23-1 1/2) 23-7 1/2
Distillers (64-3) 64-6
Bredfords Dye (3-9) 3-9
British Celanese (3-6) 3-6
J and P Coates (29-9) 30-6
Courtaulds Ordinary (31-10 1/2) 31-9
Fine Cotton Spinners (2-6) 2-6
Vickers Limited Ordinary (15-0) 15-0
Inter Nickel (dol 39 7/8) dol 39 3/4
Indian Iron (41-10 1/2) 41-10 1/2

TEA SHARES

Assam Company (17 6) 17-6
Donaro Tea (28-9) 28-9
Empire of India (20-0) 20-0

JUTE

Barnagore (£6 1/2) £6 1/2

RUBBER SHARES

Anglo Dutch Rubber (13-9) 13-9
Gula Kelampong (15-0) 15 0
Rubber Plant Inv Trust (24-9) 24 9

MINING SHARES

Nandydrug (17-6) 17-6
Burma Corporation (6-4 1/2) 6-4 1/2
Rio Tintos (£7) £7
East Rand Properties (40-0) 40-9
Rand Mines (£7) £7

MINE SHARES

Crown (£11 3/4) £11 3/4
Associated Portland Cement (50-0) 50-0
Trinidad Leasehold (66-3) 66-3
Sub Nigel (£7 1/4) £7 1/4
Spring Mines Split Shares (21-10 1/2) 21-10 1/2
Union Corporation (£6 3/4) £6 3/4

OIL SHARES

Venezuela Persian (27-6) 27-6
Anglo India (29-4 1/2) 27-6
Burma Oil (48-9) 48-9
Mexican Eagle (7-1 1/2) 6-9
Shell Transport (41 3) 40 0
Royal Dutch (£16) £16

RAILWAY SHARES

Great Western Ordinary (£33 3/4) £33 3/4
London Midland Ordinary (£12 5/8) £12 5/8
London North Eastern Def (£1 5/8) £1 5/8
London Southern Def (£9 7/8) £9 7/8
London Transport 5 per cent (£126) £125 1/2
London Transport (£30) £29 3/4

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE
New York, May 15

New York Stock Exchange opening prices :—
General Motors dol 38 1/8
Anaconda Copper Mining dol 25 1/4
United States Steel Common dol 53 3/4
United States Steel Preference dol 118 3/8

Time For Bears To Get Out From Broach J/A Before Position Worsens

Bombay, May 15

Messrs. P. Chrystal and Co. have issued the following report :—

We have had another week of strong and active markets in New York, and another new high level for the season has to be recorded. The sharpest advance took place on Tuesday when it was announced that the House of Representatives had voted in favour of 85 per cent parity Loans for next season, which would mean about 13 1/2 cents per lb. The same day Mr. Garside had estimated the consumption by American Mills for the month of April at the huge figure of 935,000 bales which would be an all time record, and which indicates that the industry there is heading for one million bales per month in the no great distant future. Whilst we cannot look for any appreciable advance from the present level, it seems most unlikely that there can be any setback of note for some time to come.

In Bombay interest has again been largely centred around the squeeze which is taking place in the old Broach contract. The Bull party is having to meet heavy tenders but as he seems capable of weighing over all the cotton which will pass in Arbitration and/or Appeal, Bears are being given furiously to think. Yesterday there was a spectacular advance in the near month such as has not been seen in our market for a very long time. Cotton which until quite recently was fetching a large premium in the spot market is now being tendered and such conditions must continue until the end of the tenderable period, which fortunately will end next week. In the meantime as we have pointed out in recent reports a large position is being built up in the July/August contract and here again a most dangerous situation is being developed. By the time this later contract matures there will be even less tenderable cotton than there has been in the last month or two. The only advice we can give to Bears is to get out before their position worsens. Under present market conditions no hedge is better than a bad hedge.

We fully realise that parities do not count as much as usual during present War conditions but with New York prices around the 13 cent level, present prices for July/August and New Crop Broach, especially the latter, cannot be considered expensive. We continue to advise purchases of New Crop Broach.

Business in the spot market naturally has again been curtailed but the turnover has been better than in the previous week, mostly in lower styles which now look attractively cheap to many consumers.

COLABA OBSERVATORY, BOMBAY

Summary of Meteorological observations during 24 hours ending 8 a.m. of 15th May, 1941 :—

Change of 8 a.m. barometer in past 24 hrs. —.040 inches.
Temperature (dry bulb) at 8 a.m. 84.4 deg.
Temperature (wet bulb) at 8 a.m. 77.7 deg.
Maximum temperature during 24 hrs. 91.6 deg. (0.7 above normal)
Minimum temperature during 24 hrs. 81.1 deg. (2.2 above normal).
Relative humidity at 8 a.m. 73 per cent.
Direction of wind at 8 a.m. E N E.
Velocity of wind at 8 a.m. 3 miles per hr.
Total movement of wind in 24 hrs. 211 mls.
Velocity of maximum gust of wind during 24 hrs. 21 miles per hour.
Extent of cloud at 8 a.m. (the whole sky cloudy eq. 10) 5.
Earthquake Report: An earthquake shock of slight intensity at its origin about 1800 miles away was recorded by the seismographs at the Colaba Observatory, at 12h. 44m. (I.S.T.) on 14th May, 1941.

IRAQ AND IRANIAN IMPORTS INTO INDIA

Will Not Be Allowed Unless Accompanied By Certificates Of Origin

SIMLA, May 15.

In order to prevent imports of goods of enemy origin and interest from Iraq and Iran, the Government of India have issued a notification according to which goods loaded at Iraqi and Iranian Persian Gulf ports on or after May 15, will not, subject to certain exceptions, be allowed to be imported into India unless accompanied by certificates of origin and interest issued by British consular authorities, says a Press note.

The main exceptions are:

(A) goods which, though not covered by certificates of origin and interest, have been specifically approved for shipment by British consuls.

(B) Goods such as foodstuffs, animal fats, camel hair, etc., which are normally exported from Iraq and Iran. The second schedule of the notification contains a full list of such commodities. The fact that a certain consignment consists of goods on this list, is, however, no guarantee that it will not be placed in prize if it should transpire that the goods are not of local origin or that they contain enemy interest.

(C) Goods loaded not later than 14th May.—A. P.

Chiang-Kai-Shek's Gift To Andhra University

MADRAS: May 15.

H. E. Generalissimo Chiag-Kai-Shek and his Minister of Education, Mr. Chen-Li-Fu sent some sets of the Tripitaka for distribution in India to Prof. Tan Yun-Shan. The latter has very kindly presented a set to the Andhra University, says a Press communique issued by the authorities of the Andhra University, Waltair.

This set, the communique says, is the Shanghai edition of the Chinese Tripitaka, containing 1916 books consisting of 8,415 fascicles of which most were translated from Sanskrit originals, which are now unfortunately lost. They are bound into 414 volumes and sent packed into 40 bundles with camphor boards.

SHIPING NEWS.

IMPORTS

Bombay, May 15

2250 rolls asphalt roofing; 84 drums asphalt; 703 bundles wrapping paper; 120 cases printing paper; 40 bales tissue paper; 1314 pkgs news boards; 64 bags steel nuts; 50 cases cnd pears; 200 cases cnd peaches; 90 cases cnd fruit salad; 100 cases bottle caps; 69 cases cnd vegetables; 53 cases hops; 200 cases cnd salmon; 60 cases cnd pineapple juice; 195 cases beef dripping; 200 cases corned beef; 50 cases cnd pineapples; 75 cases cnd condensed milk; 100 cases margarine; 453 cases washing blue; 241 cases liquid anticeptic; 36 cases dental plate cleaning powder; 84 bags glass bottles; 3200 bags soda ash; 343 bags gum; 540 bags borax; 40 bags boric acid; 161 bags reclaimed rubber; 466 bags steel rivets; 126 bags sardines; 75 bags pharmaceuticals; 122 pkgs chemicals; 264 pcs steel shafting; 1516 coils wire; 45 bbls skim milk powder; 36 bundles canned syrup, 1524 pkgs paint, dyestuffs, etc; 120 ctns kalsomine; 45 bales hides; 240 bales asbestos fibre; 180 bundles chip board; 150 ctn empty bottles; 369 pkgs insulation board; 511 pkgs empty beer bottles; 100 bundles d/s fish; 370 bundles rope; 100 slabs tin; 31781 bales cotton.

EXPORTS

284 bales raw wool Cox and Kings (Agents) Ltd; 110 bales raw wool The Bombay Co Ltd; 70 bales raw wool Vasanji and Co; 8 cases bristles D Abraham and Sons; 1167 bags linseed Kilachand Devchand and Co Ltd; 63 bales raw wool Muiji Umershi; 100 bales raw wool A J Calcuttawalla and Co; 14 bales goat skins A J Calcuttawalla and Co; 125 bales cotton waste G M Vyas and Co; 2808 bags myrabollams J Hasmukhlal and Co; 200 bales cotton waste P D Vora and Co; 406 bales cotton twist waste C Jairam and Co; 1444 bales hemp Tayeballi Dawoodbhai; 1280 bags myrabollams K Tricamji; 10 bales cotton twist waste Shantilal and Co; 185 bags myrabollams Purshotam Mathradas and Co Ltd; 690 bales cotton waste M Chandulal and Co; 26 bales cotton twist waste M Chandulal and Co; 3001 tons pig iron Indian Iron and Steel Co Ltd; 56 bales cotton pcegoods W H Brady and Co Ltd; 367 bales cotton pcegoods Herbertsons Ltd; 44 bales cotton towels and tea towelling Herbertsons Ltd; 408 bales cotton pcegoods E D Sassoon and Co; 656 bales cotton twist waste Sapt T Products (India) Ltd; 550 bales cotton waste Sapt T Products (India) Ltd; 27 bales art silk waste Sapt T Products (India) Ltd; 15 bales cotton pcegoods Grindlay and Co Ltd; 75 bales cotton pcegoods Tulsidas Khimji; 75 bales cotton pcegoods Chinoobhai Bros; 100 bales cotton pcegoods Madhusudan Mills Ltd; 17 bales cotton pcegoods Killick Nixon and Co; 50 bales cotton pcegoods The Anglo Thai Corptn Ltd; 356 bales tow hemp Tayeballi Dawoodbhai; 2000 tons manganese ore James Finlay and Co Ltd; 350 bags scrap stone powder Shaw Wallace and Co; 4432 bags myrabollams H Bhagwandas and Co.

DERAILMENT ON N. W. RAILWAY

KARACHI, May 15.

A goods train was derailed last evening between Cheduri and Feroza, in the Multan Section of the North Western Railway, causing interruption to through traffic. The passengers of 19 Up Express which left Karachi yesterday were transhipped into Eight Down which left Lahore yesterday morning. Through communication over single line was established at eight this morning.

Lahore mail scheduled to arrive this morning has been delayed by eight hours.—A. P.

SIMLA May 15.—A meeting of the cond defence loan for the week ending May 10, 1941, amounted to Rs. 34,40,200.

Football League

DALHOUSIE BEAT CALCUTTA

Police Triumph Over E. B. Railway

CALCUTTA, May 15

The meeting this evening of Calcutta and Dalhousie in the First Division Football League after a lapse of three years recalled the days when these two well known European clubs fought many a hard battle on the former's ground. The match ended in a win for the Dalhousie by two goals to one.

Calcutta were unfortunate not to share points with Dalhousie. They were the better side, but wasted their chances of scoring through weak finishing.

E. B. RAILWAY BEATEN

The Police deserved their victory this evening in their match against the Eastern Bengal Railway, whom they beat by two goals to nil on the Mahommedan Sporting Ground.

The Aryans won their match against Kalighat, whom they beat by a goal to nil on the Mohun Bagan ground. The only goal of the match was scored in the eighth minute of the first half.—A.P.

Calcutta Football League

CALCUTTA, May 15.

The following are results of matches played in the first division of the Calcutta Football League to-day:—

Police 2 E. B. Railway nil.
Aryans 1 Kalighat nil.
Dalhousie 2 Calcutta one.

Lindrum Breaks His Own World Record

MELBOURNE, May 15.

Walter Lindrum broke his own world record to-day when compiling a break of 3,735 in a match against his brother Fred. Walter Lindrum held the old record of 3,361 made also when he opposed his brother last July. During a ten months' exhibition play, Lindrum has raised £18,000 for war funds.—Reuter.

INQUIRY INTO CORRUPTION

Burma Governor Appoints Committee For Local Bodies

RANGOON, May 15.

The Governor has appointed a Committee to enquire into bribery and corruption prevailing among members and officers and servants of local bodies, constituted under the Municipal Act and the Rural Self-Government Act.

The Committee which will be presided over by Mr. B. W. Swithinbank, will find out ways and means to suppress and eradicate bribery and corruption.

Other members of the committee are U Tin Win, (Vice-Chairman), Senator M. M. Rafi, U Tun, U Ba, and U Sein Hman.—A. P.

Ban On Burmese Book

RANGOON May 15.

"War inevitable between England and Japan", a book in Burmese, has been proscribed under the Press Emergency Powers Act.—A. P.

WINTERHALTER WINS PAYNE STAKES

LONDON, May 15

At Newmarket, Winterhalter, starting as 11/8 favourite won the Payne Stakes over a mile and a half, beating Lord Rosebery's Hipaeius by three quarters of a length.

Winterhalter is the only horse which the Aga Khan has in training in England.—Reuter.

Bombay City Trounced

The Boult Hard Lines Cup for the losing semi-finalists in the Killedar Cup Women's Hockey Tournament was won by the Greys "A" who trounced the Bombay City to the tune of seven goals to nil this evening. The game was absolutely one-sided and the winners scored thrice in the first half and added four more after the interval.

The goal-scorers were Miss C. DeSouza, Mrs. R. McCarthy and Mrs. D. Chapman two each and Miss R. Salway (1).—A.P.

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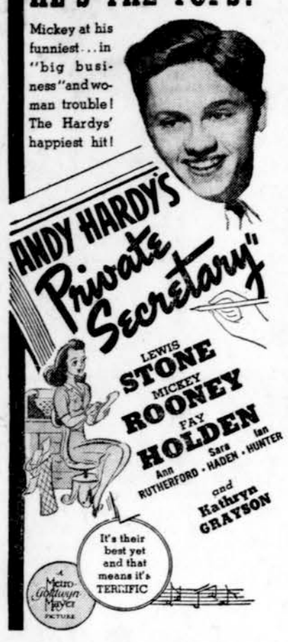

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Bombay & Suburbs

LOCAL ENGAGEMENTS

To-day

Hindu: Vaishakh Vad 6, 1997
Muslim: Rabi-ul-Akhar 18, 1360
Parsi: Adar 14, 1310
Hightide: 3-23; 16-16
Lowtide: 9-14; 22-46
Sunrise: 6h. 5m.
Sunset: 7h. 6m.

I. B. FOR EVACUEES—The Director of Information, Bombay, writes: The telephone number of the Information Bureau for Evacuees is now 23.300.

KNOCKED DOWN BY CAR AT DADAR

One Kanji Ranchod, aged 40 years, resident of Kesar Bagh, Vincent Road, Dadar, was knocked down by a motor car at Dadar last night. He was removed to K. E. M. Hospital, where he died soon after admission.

M. R. FREE DISPENSARY—The number of new patients treated at the Mahomedbhoy Rahimtulla Free Dispensary at Sandhurst Road for the week ending 10th May, 1941, was 398; of these 223 were males and 175 females.

KHAYYAM CLUB—That "Value of Living" will be the subject of the discussion by Mr. Samuel Fyzee Rahmeen in the Khayyam Club, 45, Terrace of Rahimtoola Sea View, Chowpatty, to-day (Friday) at 6-30 p.m. Mr. Haroon Sayani (Solicitor) will preside.

MISTOOK LOTION FOR MEDICINE

That doath was caused by liniment belladona taken internally by misadventure was the verdict recorded by the Bombay Coroner when the inquest on the body of Purshottam Premchand who died in J. J. Hospital on May 1st was resumed to-day.

The deceased who was suffering from pain in his ankle joint for the past two years was under treatment in the K. E. M. Hospital as an out-patient. He was given two bottles of medicine, one containing lotion for external use and the other contained medicine for drinking on April 23, the deceased inadvertently took the lotion instead of the medicine. Next day he felt severe pain in his stomach and was removed to the J. J. Hospital where he was detained for treatment. He died a week later.

AMUSEMENTS OF THE DAY

CAPITOL—"Bad Man of Wyoming". Daily at 4, 6-30 and 10 p.m.
REGAL—"40,000 Horsemen". Daily at 4, 6-30 and 10 p.m.
METRO—"Andy Hardy's Private Secretary". Daily at 3-30, 6-30 and 10 p.m.
EXCELSIOR—"Spies of the Air". Daily at 4, 6-30 and 10 p.m.
NEW EMPIRE—"Cheers for Miss Bishop". Daily at 4, 6-30 and 10 p.m.
NOVELTY—"Premnagar" Daily at 3-15 and 6-15 p.m.
CHITRA—"Prabhat" Daily at 4, 6-45 and 9-45 p.m.
ROXY—"Naya Sansar". Daily at 3-30, 6-45 and 10 p.m.
MINERVA—"Lagan" Daily at 4, 7 and 10 p.m.
KRISHNA—"Khazanchi". Daily at 4, 7 and 10 p.m.
CENTRAL—"Padosi". Daily at 4, 7 and 9-45 p.m.

RAMAKRISHNA MISSION HOSPITAL—The total number of patients treated at the Ramakrishna Mission Charitable Dispensary, Khar, during the month of April 1941 was 3,282, out of which 2,611 were Hindus, 469 were Christians and 202 Mahomedans.

CITY FATHERS' ROUNDS—The Commissioner will meet the elected members of Ward No. 3, to-morrow (Saturday) at 6-51 a.m. (B.T.), at the junction of Mahomedally Road and Musjid Bunder Road and go round with them in the Ward.

STANDING COMMITTEE OF MUNICIPAL CORPORATION—The next weekly meeting of the Standing Committee will be held here on Friday, the 23rd instant at 3-30 p.m. (B.T.) instead of on Wednesday, the 21st instant.

Son Of Late Hakim "Nabeena Sahib"

Luqmanul-Mulksani Hakim Mohamed Abdul Hai Ansari, (eldest son of the late Luqmanul-Mulk Hakim Haji Hafiz Mohammad Abdul Wahab Ansari, popularly known as Hakim Nabeena Sahib, former Chief Court Physician to H. E. H. the Nizam of Hyderabad (Dec.) has succeeded to his father's extensive Unani practice in Delhi.

Luqmanul Mulksan Hakim M. A. Hai Ansari, is a great exponent of the Unani system of medicine and is the nephew of the late Dr. M. A. Ansari.

The Thakore Saheb, Kishorsinhji Mansinhji of Naswada was married to Princess Himatkuvariba, sister of the popular Thakore Sri Ranjitsinhji Sundersinhji of Khandha State, lately.

On this auspicious occasion there was a big gathering of well-known guests, such as Maharawal Sri Natversinhji, Maharawal Sri Narendrasinhji, Kumar Sri Mahendrasinhji, Kumar Sri Mansinhji, Munsif Hari Bhakti Wehewatdar, Mr. Campwalla, Sri Krishna Rao Gaikwar, and the officials of Baroda State. This union has brought together two well-known States of Rewakantha and Baroda State.

VIOLENCE WON'T SOLVE COMMUNAL PROBLEM

Rajen Babu Urges Need Of Self-Examination

PATNA, May 15.

"If we analyse our own shortcomings rather than try to find fault with others, many of our troubles would disappear" said Dr. Rajendra Prasad speaking at Patna's second "peace meeting" last evening.

The meeting was attended by representatives of the Congress and the Muslim League.

Violence Won't Do

Dr. Rajendra Prasad continued: —The principle of using force for reaching political ends could not be used in a country like India, where there were a number of minorities without the necessary numerical strength to defend themselves and safeguard their rights. He felt that those who preached violence were doing the greatest disservice to the country.

Answering a question as to why he had not condemned the action of Muslims in Dacca, Dr. Prasad said it was futile to find fault with others. Self examination and self-reform and not recrimination was the need of the hour. He hoped that the people of Patna, who had a long tradition of communal goodwill would set an example of harmony to the rest of the province.

LEADERS TO BLAME

Khan Bahadur S. M. Ismail said that in spite of their political differences Hindus and Muslims could live in peace and harmony provided the leaders of both the communities strove sincerely for this object. He declared that Hindus and Muslims had a mutual responsibility for protecting each others life and property.

A resolution appealing for the restoration of better relation between the communities was passed. The resolution was moved by Khan Bahadur Ismail and seconded by Dr. Rajendra Prasad. —A. P.

RAJEN BABU ON GOODWILL TOUR

PATNA, May 15.

Dr. Rajendra Prasad left on tour this morning. He will return here to-morrow "en route" to Madhubani in North Bihar, where he will stay for two days. He will visit Earbigha and parts of Monghyr on May 19 and 20 returning to Patna on May 21.

The present tour of Dr. Rajendra Prasad is undertaken primarily with a view to promoting communal goodwill.—A. P.

TOWARDS COMMUNAL HARMONY IN PUNJAB

Congress Workers Meeting At Bradlaugh Hall

LAHORE, May 15.

It is understood that at the invitation of Mian Iftikharuddin, President of the Punjab Provincial Congress Committee, a meeting of Congress workers of the Punjab, was held to-day in Bradlaugh Hall to consider organisational and allied questions facing the Punjab Congress, among those who attended the meeting were Mian Iftikharuddin, Lala Dunichand, Maulana Daood Ghaznavi, Lala Jagannath, Mr. Virendar, Dr. Lehnasingh Sethi and Mr. Ramkrishan.

Decisions were taken to find ways and means for the promotion of communal harmony and removal of the grievances of "C" class political prisoners in this province.—A. P.

ANOTHER STABBING CASE IN DACCA

DACCA, May 15.

One man was stabbed this morning on the Sutrapur Road following which, all pedestrians were being searched. The injured man was removed to hospital.

The Hon. Sir B. P. Singh Roy, Revenue Minister, met the members of the Peace Committee and the President and Secretary of the Central Relief Committee at the residence of Mr. J. R. Blair, Commissioner of Dacca, and discussed relief operations. The Minister assured the members that a fair amount would be given as Government help for the reconstruction of dwelling houses, maintenance and loans on easy terms.

The Minister and the Commissioner of Dacca have started on a tour of riot-affected areas.—United Press.

More Arrests In Dacca

DACCA, May 15.

A third stabbing incident occurred to-day near the Christian graveyard.

The person stabbed near the Tickatully level crossing expired in hospital after admission, thus bringing the total number of deaths in the Dacca communal riots to sixty.

The police combed a large area in connection with the three incidents in the morning and effected a large number of arrests.—A. P.

BOMBAY GOVT. GAZETTE

Special Magistrate For Ahmedabad Riot Cases

The following Civil Appointments appear in Bombay Government Gazette:—

Mr. R. G. Gandhe to officiate as District Deputy Collector, Ahmednagar, vice Mr. S. Garvin, I.C.S., appointed as Collector.

The services of Mr. M. D. Bhansali, I.C.S., are placed at the disposal of the Government of India.

Mr. P. B. Harti, District Deputy Collector, Belgaum, is granted leave on average pay on medical certificate for three months with effect from 28th March 1941.

Mr. K. P. Mathrani, I.C.S., Settlement Officer, Kanara, is appointed to be Superintendent of Land Records, Southern Circle, vice Rao Saheb V. N. Konnur retiring.

On completion of his work as Superintendent of Census Operations, Bombay Province, Mr. A. H. Dracup to be Collector of Satara, vice Mr. S. A. Ghatge reverting.

Mr. R. S. Bavdekar, I.C.S., District and Sessions Judge, Belgaum, has been granted leave on average pay for four months with effect from the 23rd April 1941.

The leave granted to Mr. J. Hobson, I.P., District Superintendent of Police, is extended by leave on half average pay for three months with effect from the 7th July 1941.

Mr. Mir Qasimali Abbasali to officiate as Deputy Superintendent of Police, G. I. P. and M. & S. M. Railways, with effect from 7th December 1940 until further orders.

Messrs. J. S. Rane and G. H. Anklesaria as Deputy Superintendents of Police with effect from the 13th May 1941 and 6th August 1941, vice Khan Bahadur P. H. Antia and Mr. T. B. Datre retiring, respectively.

In connection with the organisation of A. R. P. measures in Bombay City and the Suburbs the Governor of Bombay is pleased to create, with effect from the 5th May, 1941, a temporary appointment of Assistant A. R. P. Officer, (Medical), Bombay, and to appoint Mr. S. B. Gothoskar, M.B.B.S., B.M.S.—Class I, Division I, to hold it, pending further orders.

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The Governor of Bombay is pleased to confirm Mr. O. H. Brown, Barrister-at-Law, as Chief Presidency Magistrate, Bombay, with effect from the 24th May 1941 vice Mr. I. N. Mehta retiring.

Mr. K. A. Gandhi, M.B.B.S. (Bom.), D.P.H., D.T.M. & H. (Lond.), Assistant Director of Public Health, Vaccine Institute, Belgaum, to officiate as Director of Public Health for the Government of Bombay.

Mr. T. B. Patel, M.B.B.S. (Bom.), D.P.H (Lond.), Personal Assistant to the Director of Public Health for the Government of Bombay, to officiate as Assistant Director of Public Health, Vaccine Institute, Belgaum.

The Governor of Bombay is pleased to depute Khan Saheb H. D. Warden, B.A., B.Sc. (Bom.) J.P., Officiating Senior Assistant Secretary to the Government of Bombay, General and Educational Departments, to the temporary post of non-medical Personal Assistant to the Surgeon-General with the Government of Bombay in the General Provincial Service with effect from 5th May 1941 (forenoon).

Mr. L. T. Aminbhavi, B.E., Deputy Engineer on probation, posted to the Northern Circle is attached to the Public Works Department Secretariat from the date of his appointment as Deputy Engineer on probation in the Bombay Service of Engineers, Class II, viz. the 8th April 1941, to the date of his relief.

Under section 14 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1898 (V of 1898), Mr. H. A. Whitworth, I.C.S., Assistant Collector, Broach and Panch Mahals, is appointed to be a Special Magistrate of the First Class to try cases arising out of the communal riots at Ahmedabad.

EDITORS' PLEA TO U. P. GOVERNOR

NAINITAL, May 15.

A deputation of editors of three vernacular dailies of Lucknow namely, the "Haq", the "Haqiqat" and the "Oudh Akbar" waited on the Governor to place before him facts relating to the present difficulties of the Press as a whole and the vernacular papers in particular.

In a memorandum the deputationists invited the attention of the Governor "inter alia" to the fact that prices of newsprint and other printing material had gone up by 250 per cent., with the result that their newspapers were now working at a loss. The deputationists also stressed the importance of the vernacular press in counteracting false rumours. They also urged that the rates of subscription of the copies of their papers purchased by the Government for the use of the Education Expansion Department be increased from Rs. 3-8 per copy to Rs. 6 per copy and that, during the war, Government should subsidize selected vernacular papers for the purpose of war propaganda.

His Excellency, it is understood, gave them a patient hearing and promised to consider their representations.—A. P.

Supply Dept. Committee Meeting

SIMLA, May 15.

The Standing Committee attached to the Supply Department held its first meeting to-day.—A. P.

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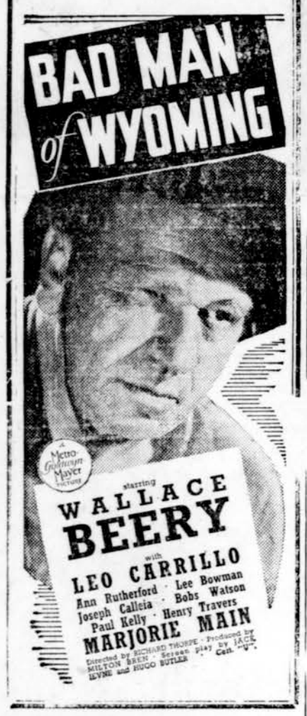

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THE REACTION SPREADS

We pointed out yesterday several signs of reaction against the Pakistan scheme, its associated ideas and the methods adopted in propagating them. We emphasised in particular the reaction in Sind where those Muslim candidates for the municipal elections at Sukkur who were "persuaded to boycott the election as a protest against the introduction of joint electorates in the municipalities have all expressed regret and appealed to Government to nominate them to the Municipal Council." It is now further reported that the candidates have written to Government that they were obliged to withdraw their candidature on account of coercion and misrepresentation of the results of joint electorates. However, such electorates are gaining popularity in unexpected quarters. An Association has just been formed in Bengal, called All-Bengal Bengalee Muslims' Association, and it has urged the Local Government "to make an immediate amendment of the present Calcutta Municipal Amendment Act by restoring the joint electorate system of the monumental act of the late Sir Surendranath Banerjee." The Association has also resolved to carry on an all-Bengal agitation "in support of its above suggestion."

A Bihar Condemnation

In the neighbouring province of Bihar, the Hon'ble Nawab Bahadur of Murshidabad has issued a statement severely condemning the entire Pakistan scheme and its disruptive tendencies. He describes the scheme as absurd and utterly impracticable and resting on "a flimsy foundation which consensus of opinion will do all in its power to prevent being established." He is confident that Mr. Jinnah will never be able "to persuade Indians, Muslims in particular, to uphold the so-called Pakistan creed detrimental to the combined interest of all concerned. His empty dream of the fulfilment of his self-created desire to see Pakistan installed in India can at best be compared to a delirous thought of a decayed mind." The Nawab Bahadur also feels that the Pakistan cry "cannot but be treated as a barrier to the coming emancipation of India" and declares that "the spread of enmity encouraged between the two sister communities by the harshness of invectives, pronounced harmful in character to India's peaceful citizens, is the work of contemptible abomination not to be tolerated by the rising generation of India's manhood." We do not know if any Muslim leader has more severely condemned Pakistan and all that it implies.

Joint Electorates The Only Remedy

It is clear from the increasing hostility to the Pakistan scheme that the separatist tactics adopted by the Muslim League is indicative of a sharp and widening reaction. The reaction, however, must be well organised to be effective and lasting in its effects. To achieve this object it is particularly desirable that the Muslims themselves should take a prominent part in condemning the entire Pakistan policy. Agitation against it mainly by non-Muslims may be misunderstood and increase communal bitterness. Secondly, since it is now widely realised that Pakistan is the evil point of the system of communal electorates, every effort must be made to secure joint electorates for election to local self-governing bodies. Nay, educative propaganda should be carried on to secure such electorates even in the legislatures when the present constitution will be revised. It is true that at the Constituent Assembly the minorities will be allowed to formulate their own safeguards. But for the very reason that their choice will be final, except when it affects the very integrity of the country as a whole, it is desirable to educate the minorities to realise that joint electorates with reservation of seats constitute the very best safeguard for all their interests, special and general.

Turkey And Germany

Herr von Papen has lost no time in setting to work. He has already seen President Ineunu and M. Sarajoglu and must doubtless have conveyed to them the Fuhrer's demands or desires. There is no definite information as to what they involve. But Turkey's well-known publicist, M. Yalchin says in the *Yeni Sabah* that the Germans will not pass through Turkey. It is not altogether impossible that Turkey may have been given some such assurance—it should be noted that after von Papen's interviews with the Turkey's President and Foreign Minister, Doctor Saydam and M. Sarajoglu gave to the People's Party an exposition of the International situation and Turkey's foreign policy which was loudly cheered by the deputies. But if Herr Hitler has promised not to attack Turkey, he must certainly have demanded, in return, closer economic collaboration at the very least. And we doubt if Turkey is in a position to resist. Germany now threatens Thrace and western Asia Minor, directly. Of her other neighbours, Syria may any day go under Nazi occupation, Iraq, while friendly, has adopted an attitude seriously hostile to Turkish interests and Russia, so they say, is likely to bind herself with closer ties with Germany. In the circumstances Turkey would be lucky if she escaped the Nazi menace with an economic agreement.

Improbable

There is no conceivable theory that has not been urged to explain the dramatically amazing flight of Herr Rudolf Hess to Scotland. Only one of them concerns us here. It has been suggested by some people both in America and Britain that Herr Hess fell out with his chief because the latter was planning more intimate attachment with "Bolshevik" Russia. If, however, this is so, how is one to explain the fact that Herr Hess had written a letter to the Duke of Hamilton a few months ago when Russo-German relations were by no means quite smooth? In any case, whatever the truth in this conjecture, it shows along with a number of other recent comments that a certain section of British and American opinion takes the imminent conclusion of a Russo-German Pact for granted. We cannot discount the possibility of such a development—many surprising things have been happening in this war. But an agreement which, it is alleged, disgusted the good, anti-Bolshevik Nazi Herr Hess to the extent of deserting his country and his chief means that Germany is to play the abject role of the importunate, that the Fuhrer is willing to seek Russian assistance on almost any condition, for instance, the surrender of many of the "gains" he has achieved in Europe. This is only possible, if at all, in case the Fuhrer felt his position against Britain to be utterly and immediately hopeless without Russian aid. But how can the Fuhrer so feel?

Frankly Speaking

Winant's Hint

Like Mrs. Roosevelt, the U.S.A. Ambassador in London, Mr T. G Winant has made a speech which constitutes an indication of the future steps which President Roosevelt is going to take to assist Britain. Addressing the English Speaking Union Mr. Winant declared that "freedom-loving and peace-loving peoples of this earth are coming to realise that this is not Britain's fight alone" and added that "on the wise use of the navies of the world may hang the destinies of the world's free people' Mr. Winant thus forecast the co-operation of American and British Navies. But how? He does not answer the question but cautiously declared that the problems before President Roosevelt and Mr. Churchill "in the defence of their countries are not simple problems but complicated ones" It appears that the solution of question of co-operation with due regard to the "complicated problems" before the President will be found in extending the patrol area and in convoying supplies to Britain and the Middle East upto the combat zone.

Vichy's Surrender

A cryptic announcement was made on Tuesday last from Vichy that Marshal Petain's Cabinet had accepted Herr Hitler's demands. These demands have not been made public, which is in itself a suspicious fact. The fear that they directly threaten Britain's interests and her war effort is strengthened by Mr. Eden's hint and a press report 'via' Lisbon that the American Ambassador, who has been consistently warning Marshal Petain against going back on his word of honour, is about to be withdrawn from Vichy. There can only be speculations as to the actual terms accepted by Marshal Petain. But if they eventually lead to the use by Germans of North African naval and air bases and the French Navy, the whole aspect of the Mediterranean situation will radically change. Meanwhile it is not improbable at all, as suggested by a Turkish writer, that Vichy has virtually handed over Syria to the Germans. If that is so, the position in the Middle East is going to be serious, although it is by no means certain that the British will be unable successfully to cope with the Syrian menace in time.

More Military Schools

The Madras Hindu Sabha Provincial Militarisation Board has addressed a letter to the Madras Governor regarding the necessity of establishing immediately one or more military training schools in that Presidency for ensuring an adequate supply of trained youths for recruitment to military service. The Governor has promised "due consideration". Due consideration, however, is not enough. Something must be done and that soon to train the youth of India if Government want to live up to their slogans of "Defend India". It is not much use asking a country to defend itself, if you do not give it the elementary requirements of such fulfilment. We would very much like to know what Government have done and propose to do to train South Indians for the army.

Harijans In Indore

The step taken by the Indore Government regarding the enrolment of Harijans for the State Police Force is most commendable. Harijans will be freely enlisted in the force, subject to their fulfilling conditions of physical fitness, and literary and moral requirements. It is also stated in a notification signed by Col. Dinanath, the Prime Minister, that Harijans should, as far as possible, be given opportunities to serve in the lower subordinate services as orderlies, peons, darogas and chowkidars. The Indore Harijan Sevak Sangh has agreed to maintain a list of Harijans with their age, qualifications, etc., and all departments of the State are directed to communicate with the honorary secretary of the Sangh when vacancies occur. It is a good move on the part of the Indore Government and should be emulated elsewhere. At the same time we hope that when they are found qualified Harijans will not be barred from better jobs to which they will soon aspire.

How Bombers Lighten Navy's Task

The Bomber Command of the Royal Air Force is now striking its own heavy blows in the Battle of the Atlantic.

On a front of 1,000 miles from Bordeaux to the Baltic the Bomber Command is attacking submarine and raider bases, shipbuilding yards, the aerodromes used by Nazi long-range bombers and the factory which makes them.

The air frame factory which makes Fockewulf four engined bombers is in Bremen, where very severe damage has lately been done. The air frame factory itself has suffered badly in a number of raids. Huge buildings in the factory have been completely demolished and many well-stocked warehouses destroyed.

It is reported that the Weser Flugzeugbau, which assembled the Junkers 87 dive-bombers, has been severely damaged. Widespread devastation has also been caused in the dock area.

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At Hamburg submarines building in slips have been damaged, ships in harbour sunk, stores of oil set on fire and warehouses burnt out or smashed.

The most remarkable of recent attacks was carried out on Kiel on the nights of April 7 and 8, when some of the enemy's largest and most important shipyards were laid waste.

The offensive continued between April 9 and April 16, when British bombers attacked Bremen once and Kiel once more. There were three attacks on Brest, where Germany is attempting to shelter her raiders and the battle cruisers 'Gneisenau' and 'Scharnhorst'. The aerodrome at Merignac, near Bordeaux, which serves the Fockewulf long-range four-engined bombers, was attacked three times. The submarine base at Lorient was raided twice; the shipbuilding yards at Wegesack, near Bremen, once; Wilmhelmshaven once; and Emden twice.

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It was at Emden that the new British bombs, the most powerful of any used before were employed for the first time. The attack on Kiel on the first night, when the greatest weight of bombs ever directed in one night against a single target in Germany was dropped, destroyed large parts of the Deutschwerke shipyards, of the Germania yards and of the naval arsenal. At the same time one of the main power plants of the town was badly damaged and many factories and other parts of the town were burnt out. In the result the whole area was so badly blasted that it is probable that it will have to be evacuated if it has not already been done.

Wherever Germany builds, repairs or shelters submarines or surface warships, sea planes or long-range bombers, the bombers of the Royal Air Force have gone to destroy or check the commerce raiders before they can put to sea or take off.

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At the same time the Royal Air Force bombers have been more active in daylight, again and again attacking small convoys which the Germans try to slip through along the coast, sinking tankers intended for refuelling submarines or supply ships on their way to the west coast of France.

During the week from April 13 to 19 aircraft of the Bomber Command alone in daylight attacks hit and either sank or seriously damaged supply ships totalling at least 37,500 tons in addition to a flagship guarding one of the supply ships. They also hit, without its being possible to observe the total damage, many other supply ships, both large and small.

During the same period day or dusk attacks were made on the docks at Cherbourg, Borkum (with its seaplane base) and Heligoland

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To some extent these attacks on naval bases and shipyards are regarded as a diversion of the major offensive which the Bomber Command is fighting against Germany. But it is an essential contribution to the defence of Britain even should it mean sparing German industry until the Battle of the Atlantic is settled.

Moreover, the strength of the R. A. F. Bomber Command is such that there are bombers to spare for heavy raids on Berlin and other German centres while support to Britain's power at sea is continued.

It must be remembered that Kiel, Bremen, Wilhelmshaven, Hamburg and Emden are not only ports or naval bases. They are also great industrial centres and would be attacked were the Royal Air Force concentrating entirely on the destruction of the German war industry.

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Also there is scarcely an instance of a heavy attack on a shipyard or naval base which did not also destroy some other vital parts of Germany's war machine. Even the raids on the Italian submarines at Bordeaux have incidentally destroyed accumulated stocks of oil.

In the Battle of the Atlantic it cannot be expected that the effect of this concentration on the bombing of naval bases and shipyards will be seen immediately. But weakness at the base will inevitably tell in the front line.

While the Royal Navy guards convoys across the Atlantic the Bomber Command works to lighten its task in future.

U. P. Civil Service Examination

ALLAHABAD, May 15.

The U. P. Government have decided that candidates holding B.A. and B.Sc. degrees from universities outside the United Provinces established by law, will also be eligible for admission to the U. P. Civil (Executive) Service Examination provided they possess the prescribed domicile qualifications.—A. P.

Arab And Iraqi Strikers Arrested

KARACHI, May 14

Fortyone Arab and Iraqi crew of a boat who struck work have been arrested under the Defence of India Rules by the authorities in Karachi. It is stated that the strike was a sequel to a dispute over wages. The men were remanded to in a detention camp.—A. P.

Eastern Group Supply Council

ADVANTAGES OF INDIA'S CENTRAL POSITION

"In a public statement the other day the Eastern Group Supply Council was described as somewhat of a mystery", said Mr. M. S. A. Hydari, C.I.E., I.C.S., Indian Member of the Eastern Group Supply Council in a broadcast talk on the Council from the Simla studio of All-India Radio last night.

"There is in fact nothing mysterious about it. Quite a lot has appeared about the Council in the Press, but has probably gone unnoticed. I feel therefore that it might possibly assist you in understanding what the Council does and does not set out to do if I as the Representative of India on the Council were to tell you tonight a little about ourselves.

"The Council was established following a recommendation of the Eastern Group Conference which was convened in October 1940 by His Excellency the Viceroy with the approval of His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom. By the Eastern Group are meant all those Dominions and territories of the British Commonwealth of Nations which lie east of Suez.

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"The Conference came to the conclusion that if the resources available were to be fully used a central co-ordinating authority was necessary. And so with the approval of the Governments concerned the Eastern Group Supply Council came into being on February 14th, 1941.

"The Council has on it a Representative of each of the three Dominions in the Eastern Group, and of India. Its Chairman is the Representative of the United Kingdom. He also represents the Colonies and has a Colonial Adviser to assist him. In addition, the Council has on it a Military Member. He is the Representative of the Chief of the Imperial Council and is styled Controller General, Army Provision. It is through its Military Member that the Council is acquainted with the supply needs of the Forces in Africa, India and the Far East.

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"When considering the Council's activities it is well to bear in mind two important facts. The Council cannot create demand. It is not a monster sales organisation beating up custom. Its function is to arrange supplies in a steady and speedy flow of what the Defence services state they require and in the period of time required. It is clear therefore that it is not for the Council to busy itself with economic planning. It may be that as a result of the demands for supplies which the Council will put on the different countries of the Eastern Group economic planning will follow; but this will be the responsibility of the Governments of the Group Countries and not of the Council.

"The Eastern Group also is not a self-sufficient entity. There are articles of war supply which the Group cannot supply at all. There are many more of which the Group can only supply a limited quantity. But the residue of the fifty thousand or so items which are comprised in the term "Requirements of the Forces" which the Group can supply and in sufficient quantity is very large. It would be a welcome piece of information to the enemy if I were to give figures. I forget now whether it was Lord Haw Haw or some other Nazi gospeller who sneered at the Eastern Group as a collection of sheep farmers, cotton merchants and dairymen called together to see how best they could supply the sinews of totalitarian war. Well, we must leave the sneer to be answered by our achievement.

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"When the Council was established it was the subject of a good many misconceptions. One was that it would busy itself with seeing what new industries could be started in each Group Country and in planning to that end. It is this misconception which gave rise to the suspicion which gained currency in India that the Council was an organisation set up to concentrate as far as possible industrial capacity in the Dominions leaving India to fill the role of the supplier of raw materials. Another idea which gained some currency in spite of official statements to the contrary was that this Council was in the nature of a super Supply Department imposed upon the Supply Departments of the various countries in the Eastern Group. And yet another was that this Council was designed to keep Indian industry from taking full advantage of the opportunities which were provided of increasing capacity or of ranging into fresh productive fields. All these ideas spring from misinformation or lack of information.

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"Let me explain. The Council is not a super Supply Department. It is not there to teach any of the Supply Departments of the Group Countries its business. The answer which the Council receives about, say, India's capacity to produce a particular article of war supply is not always the same. There is being carried on a continuous search for new capacity; so that it does happen from time to time that what India cannot supply on first demand she is found able to produce when the next demand comes forward—hence the need which is well understood of the closest contact between the Indian Representative on the Council and the Indian Supply Department and Indian industry. The Representatives of the other Dominion have a similar duty 'vis-a-vis' their countries. On the manner in which we discharge them depends our usefulness to the Council and to our countries.

"On the information supplied to it about Group capacity the Council decides on the country or countries to which a particular demand should be allocated. It is then for the Supply Department concerned to carry out the order in the manner it thinks best. It is not for the Council to order any country to undertake new production, but it is the case that following the Council's enquiries new production or increased production is stimulated.

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"Will the Council's activities result in retarding India's industrial expansion? Let us consider the question. It is no secret that the demand for war supplies which are manufactured is immense. As often as not the problem with which we are faced in the Supply Council is not which of two or three countries can produce a certain article. The problem rather is as to whether an article can be produced in the required quantities by the Group countries taken together within a reasonable period of time. If a country says it will produce an article of war supply in regard to which demand exceeds existing Group capacity by creating new capacity so as to yield results within a reasonable time the Council is only too eager to make use of it. As to whether the undertaking of new capacity is desirable in the further interests of a country is not a matter on which the Council presumes to adjudicate. That is a matter for the country itself. The Council has not the power to say to any country what it shall produce and what it shall not.

"But there are of course a certain number of articles for which there is capacity in several countries of the Group the sum total of which is greater than the demand. What happens in such cases? What are the considerations which led the Council to place a demand on country A in preference to country B. While price comes in as a factor the main considerations are as to which of the two countries can supply the article within the required time and if both are equally competent in this respect then it is the country which is nearest in point of communications to the area from which the demand comes which gets the preference. In any given case it is not a matter of opinion but of fact as to which country can most speedily and easily supply a demand.

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"And now if you will look at a map showing the position of India and the countries of the Eastern Group in relation to Mid East and to the Far East, you will see for yourself that India occupies a central position in the Group. While some of the countries of the Eastern Group have the advantage of an earlier industrial start in certain directions and a more plentiful supply of highly skilled labour than we have India has over them all this great geographical advantage of a central position

"I have nearly finished. I would

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TETE-A-TETE

WITHOUT COMMENT—

MADRAS, May 14.

"I am sure that Pakistan is positively injurious to the interests of South Indian Muslims, says Mr. S. M. Fossil, who was the Joint Secretary of the Reception Committee of the Madras session of the All-India Muslim League in a press statement.—United Press.

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"The common ideals of the English-speaking peoples of the world are not ideals from which other peoples are excluded . . . ."

—Ambassador J. G. Winant.

And yet there are Indians who complain that they cannot even Gate-crash unto them.

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The journey from Delhi to Calcutta has afforded time for Mr. A. K. Fazlul Huq's national emotions to cool down. And on arriving at his capital he has given a statement which distinctly modifies what he said at Delhi.

We shall watch with great interest Mr. Huq's future career through rapid progressive stages to complete repudiation of any suggestion of disloyalty to the Qaid-e-Azam.

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MORE OUTRAGES IN DACCA

Minister's Talks With Citizens

Anglo-Indian headlines.

Our contemporary must apologise to the Honourable Gentleman.

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In reply to questions in the Commons, Mr. Eden revealed that the British Government were taking a firm attitude as regards Japan.

M. Stalin's duty, therefore, is obvious. He should immediately enable the Japanese to withdraw more troops from Manchukuo and complete the "iron ring" in South Shansi well and truly.

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Talking of M. Stalin, the Junior Colleague reminds us that the Moscow Radio has not yet announced that rumours in the foreign press of another Russo-German *rapprochement* etc are "not in accordance with fact."

We, however, regard this omission as quite in accordance with facts.

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An official announcement from Vichy says that Marshal Petain and his Government have accepted Herr Hitler's demands.

In the stress of saving France—from what, though?—the poor harrassed old Marshal could not possibly be expected to remember a soldier's duty to his word of honour and all that sort of rot.

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"Rashid Ali's closest supporters appear to have been drawn from a little clique of malcontents and intriguers"—Reuter.

Then what is all the well-known fuss about?

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Who Is Mentally Deranged—Hess Or Goebbels?

—Headline.

Why not neither?

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Doctor: "You should take a bath before you retire."

Patient: "But, doctor, I don't expect to retire for another twenty years."

POINTED PARAGRAPHS

Luxury is likely to transform pleasures into burdens.

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To-morrow is worth more to the hustler than yesterday.

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It is not always the head of the family who foots the bills.

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What the average schoolboy wants is a history that will repeat itself.

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Probably no one is jumped on so quickly or so hard as the Minister who happens to stray from the straight and narrow path.

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A bachelor says that a tyrant is a woman who fancies herself superior to her husband and lets her neighbours know it.

In Abyssinia

BR. ADVANCE CONTINUES ON ALL FRONTS

NINE LIGHT TANKS CAPTURED: VIGOROUS PATROL IN TOBRUK AND SOLLUM AREAS

NAIROBI, May 15.

British operations continue successfully on all fronts in Abyssinia, according to a "communique" issued here. Nine light tanks were captured from the Italians on Tuesday, it is now learned.

CAIRO, May 16.

British troops continued vigorous Patrolling in Tobruk and Sollum areas, states a G.H.Q. communique. On May 12 South African troops with patriots acting in co-operation captured two further important positions covering Amba Alagi. During the day prisoners, taken numbered 24 Italian officers, 275 Italian other ranks and 32 Colonial other ranks. The advance is continuing. Farther south, the operations are proceeding successfully on all fronts. As a result of engagements in the Lakes area south of Addis Ababa on May 13 nine light tanks were captured.

HESS DISCLOSES APPALLING SUFFERING OF PEOPLE IN GERMANY

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tunate and in any case it was unavoidable because first of all, we had to establish the identity of the German airman who landed and we only had evidence which, while very interesting, was not considered conclusive in view of the surprising character of the information (laughter).

I did not believe it when I was told on Sunday, I think it was, but I immediately sent an officer who knew Herr Hess and was able to speak with him in fluent German. While that was still proceeding, the German announcement came about the insanity of Herr Hess and his flight to Scotland. In the circumstances what had hitherto been surmised as a probability merged into a definite certainty".

Mr. Woodburn (Labour) asked: "Is there any truth in the inference suggested by the German wireless that the Intelligence Department has created an impression in Germany that Scotland was ready to make a separate peace with Germany" (laughter).

The Prime Minister replied: "Whatever delusions may exist, that is not among them".—Reuter.

APPALLING SUFFERING IN GERMANY

LONDON, May 14.

Rudolf Hess is reported to have told the farm people that he was "fed up with the war and with life in Germany."

It is reported that he told the farm people of the hardship now being experienced in Germany and of the great distress amongst the people here overbombing by the R.A.F. and of the sufferings of civilian population. He also said that he had a message of great importance to deliver to the Duke of Hamilton.

Hess is alleged to have said to the farm people in Scotland that when the Duke was Marquess of Douglas and Clydesdale he knew him well and that he had flown to Scotland and had made his estate his objective as he had valuable information to give to the Duke.

This information, Hess said, would be of great use to the British in overthrowing the tyranny that now prevails in the Reich.

Hess averred that he had made the most painstaking preparations for his flight from Germany. This statement was borne out by the maps he had used for navigation on all of which the Duke's estates were ringed in circle.

It was a tribute to Hess's capabilities as a pilot that he should arrive in Scotland and land at a point in such close proximity to his objective.

HOUR OF RECKONING APPROACHES

Hess's Flight Is Beginning Of Exodus Of Nazi Leaders

JOHANNESBURG, May 15.

South African papers generally agree that the flight of Hess shows the existence of a crack in the Nazi facade.

The "Cape Times" asks why Hitler had not published the documents that Hess was said to have left behind.

The "Rand Daily Mail" states the fact that Hess chose to be a prisoner of war in Britain rather than go to America via Portugal showed that the flight was a protest as well as an escape.

The pro-war Afrikans paper the "Suiderstem" says the flight is the beginning of an exodus of Nazi leaders who fear the wrath of the misguided German people as the hour of reckoning approaches.—Reuter.

OUT FOR "PEACE MOVEMENT"?

STOCKHOLM, May 15

Hess flew to Glasgow in the hope of meeting the Duke of Hamilton whom he met at the Olympic games in 1936 states the Berlin correspondent of the 'Allehanda,' quoting responsible circle there. The correspondent adds Berlin circles assert that the papers Hess left behind showed that Hess believed that he and the Duke of Hamilton could start a peace movement in Britain as Hess was unable to bear the idea of the two leading socalled Germanic peoples being involved in a destructive war

The 'Aftonbladet' prints a similar story from Berlin, adding that Hess in his 'madness' regarded the Duke of Hamilton as his twin soul.—Reuter.

HESS' PLANE ON SHOW IN TRAFALGAR SQUARE.

LONDON, May 15.

Hess's plane is to be on show in Trafalgar Square as part of London's "war weapons week" during which it is hoped to raise at least half of the total subscribed by all provincial towns. To-morrow night (Friday) it will be housed in one of London's most historic buildings and on Saturday morning it will head a procession of National Savings Cars and mobile cinema vans on "constitution hill." Later, it will be taken to Trafalgar square where members of the public will be able to view the plane.

DETENUS IN TRAVANCORE

Govt's Statement On "Disastrous Activities" Of State Congress

TRIVANDRUM, May 15.

The total number of detenus under the Defence of Travancore Act is only six, state the Travancore Government in a Press "communique" issued to-day. The "communique" adds that the case of each detenu has to be decided according to his present circumstances and those who are still detained are so dealt with for cogent reasons.

The Government make this statement "as a wrong impression is likely to be created by the report of recent proceedings of the Travancore State Congress". The Government proceed to repudiate the suggestion that interruptions and disturbances at meetings held by the State Congress are at the instance of police officials. They say the "disastrous effects of the activities of the State Congress are obviously responsible for the increased opposition manifested at their meetings."—A. P.

BASIC HAS NO POLITICS IN IT

ALLAHABAD, May 15.

"The Basic system of education had no political tinge about it" stated Dr. Ibadur Rehman Khan, Principal of the Basic Training College, Allahabad, at the annual function of a Municipal Basic school.

Dr. Khan stated that the system was educationally sound and discredited the false fear that under this system teaching of the languages would suffer and claimed that the scheme had already proved a success.—A P.

Australian Parliament

SYDNEY, May 15.

The Commonwealth Parliament is summoned to meet on May 28.—Reuter.

TEST OF OUR SOLIDARITY

Gandhiji On Bengal Congress Arrests

CALCUTTA, May 15.

"The only advice I can give you at present is that those who are allowed to be outside should devote themselves to constructive work, specially communal", says Mahatma Gandhi in a letter addressed to the President of the Bengal Provincial Congress Committee on the arrests of Mr. Arun Chandra Guha, Secretary of the B. P. C. C., and other Congress office-bearers and workers in different parts of the Province.

Mahatma Gandhi adds "Really speaking, it is not unfortunate, for we expected such arrests. They test our strength and solidarity."—A. P.

CALCUTTA LEAGUERS' CHALLENGE TO HUQ

CALCUTTA, May 15.

The Working Committee of the Calcutta District Muslim League at a special meeting to-night under the presidentship of Moulana Nazir Ahmed Choudhury adopted a resolution "viewing with resentment and disapproval the reported interview of Mr. A. K. Fazlul Huq given to the press at Meerut and the statement published in Calcutta papers on May 15" and expressing.

"Its complete faith in the leadership of Quaide-azam Mr. M. A. Jinnah, President of the All-India Muslim League and warns the Government of India and His Majesty's Government that they should not be misled by any individualistic action or proposal of persons or persons who claim to speak on behalf of the Muslim Nation over the head of the All-India Muslim League."

In the opinion of the Committee this individualistic action and purely personal move of Mr. Fazlul Huq is positively detrimental to Muslim solidarity and Muslim interest at this juncture and the Musalmans of Bengal and India will never be bound by any commitments made by Mr. Fazlul Huq, Sir Sikandar Hayat Khan or any other person without the authority and approval of the All-India Muslim League.—

ISOLATIONIST DEFEAT

WASHINGTON, May 15.

The Senate to-day defeated an Isolationist effort to veto the transfer of shipping from one belligerent to another despite arguments that such transfers would be "needless provocative acts of war".

It will be recalled that the House defeated a similar amendment on May 7.—Reuter.

Grievous, Not Irreparable

Dean Of Westminster On Damage To Abbey

LONDON, May 15.

The bomb damage to the actual fabric of Westminster Abbey is grievous, but certainly not irreparable, but the whole happening has been horrible and the only way to describe it is as obscene, declared the Dean of Westminster broadcasting to-day on the bombing.

"I have already had abundant evidence that the news of these disasters has aroused the sympathy and horror of the decent minds of the people throughout the world. After all that is not surprising for Westminster Abbey has long been one of the best-loved spots on earth, a place above all others, where among all English-speaking peoples, patriotism and religion meet. The things for which the Abbey stands and the spirit it enshrines are not things that can be overthrown by Hitler."

TWO ENEMY PLANES SHOT DOWN

It is learned in London that two enemy aircraft were shot down by British fighters to-day.

It is now known that one enemy aircraft was destroyed off the coast last night.—Reuter.

Air Activity In Coastal Areas

There has been some activity by enemy aircraft in coastal areas to-day, says an Air Ministry 'communique.' Bombs were dropped at several points but little damage and no casualties are reported. One enemy bomber was shot down by our fighters over this country to-day. It is now known that an enemy aircraft was destroyed off the south coast last night.—Reuter.

R.A.F. RAIDS OVER BENGHAZI, DODECANESE AND IRAQ.

A British Middle East 'Communique' to-day states:

CYRENAICA: On the night of May 12|13, bombers over Benghazi registered direct hits on the railway and military headquarters, the buildings of the Governorate and the base of the Cathedral mole. Fires were started but detailed observation was difficult. Numerous reconnaissance patrols were carried out yesterday.

DODECANESE: On the previous night, aerodromes at Maritza and Calato were bombed and fires started and hits were obtained near dispersed aircraft.

IRAQ: There were continuous aerial attacks on rebel positions and objectives such as aerodromes, railways and motor transport, Amara, Rashid, Mosul and the Railway at Baghdad were all raided.—Reuter.

Ford Strike Continues

Governor's Intervention Sought To Secure Justice To Workers

BOMBAY, Thursday.

The strike in the Ford Motor works continues with unabated vigour. Consequent on Mr. Bristow's refusal to intervene in the dispute, the Workers' Union has submitted a memorandum to the Governor of Bombay. It is understood that Union is submitting a detailed memorandum to the Government of India a'so. In the meantime the dispute is expected to come before the National Services Tribunal to-morrow morning. Inquiries in Union circles show that no call has been received by the workers to appear before the Tribunal. It is, however, presumed that it will hear the employers to-morrow.

It is claimed that only a very few old workers are attending to the work in the factory. Most of the technicians have joined the strike. The report that more men are now working in the factory does not seem to be borne out by production figures. It is stated that while the Company used to turn out on the average about 35 finished jobs before the mass dismissal of a large number of workers, hardly half a dozen finished jobs could be turned out now.

"We are satisfied that the strike is progressing as expected. With the old men out, the management must now be feeling the pinch," said a Union official to a reporter of this paper. "We are picketing the entrances to the factory and will continue to do so in a more intensified form. We have explored every avenue for a peaceful settlement. We shall continue to do so. There will be no door at which we shall not have knocked. The failure of the Labour office to get the Ford management to negotiate with the workers and the refusal of the Government to intervene, have, perhaps the management feels, given them a free license to act as they please. But that feeling will be short-lived. No company can afford to work on losses indefinitely. The Fords can't be an exception. As a "notified factory" engaged in war work, the Governor and the Government of India can't look on disinterestedly. We are sure that His Excellency will take a sympathetic attitude and by his intervention secure justice to the workers who have been driven to take the action they have taken."

Three Supply Ships Bombed

LONDON, May 15.

British bombers this afternoon attacked an escorted convoy off the Frisian isles bombing three supply ships of two, four and five thousand tons respectively. These were left burning.

Shortly afterwards, enemy fighters attacked the bombers, one of these fighters was shot down and one British aircraft is missing, says an Air Ministry 'communique.' Aircraft of the fighter command, continues the British 'communique" to-day, carried out several sweeps over the Channel and Northern France in the course of which several enemy aircraft were machine-gunned on the ground and one was shot down. Ships were also machine-gunned from low level. On these operations one British plane was lost.—Reuter.

MOSCOW LOOKS AT THE PACIFIC

MOSCOW, May 15.

The great change in the attitude of the United States towards the Philippines is emphasised in an article in the Red Army newspaper "Red Star" to-day.

Discussing the Anglo-American Pacific defence measures, the "Red Star" points out that formerly United States experts were unwilling to spend money on the islands because they took the view that the Philippines would be the first territory seized in the event of a Japanese southward move.

Now, however, the Philippines "in combination with Singapore and other British bases become a forward defence point enabling the United States in the case of a conflict to station large naval forces in the region of the South Seas"

The article draws attention to the recent conference between British and American Services Chiefs and to the joint defence policy based on the arrowhead of the quadrilateral Manila, Borneo, Port Darwin and Singapore.

"All these measures" says the "Red Star" "and considerable allocations of the Navy and War Departments of the United States for the defence of the Philippines are evidence of the islands becoming an essential factor in American defence policy in the Pacific Ocean."—Reuter.

DEFENCE OF MALAYA

British Reinforcements Arrive In Singapore

SINGAPORE, May 15.

Large numbers of troops arrived here from Britain on Wednesday afternoon consisting of British army, air force and naval reinforcements, it is officially announced.

The army units which form the bulk of the forces, include all arms of the service—infantry, artillery and army service corps.

"Despite the long voyage from England the troops were all in good spirits and health", adds the official announcement.

"This movement is part of the policy of steadily increasing the defence forces of Malaya which has been going on for some time."

The Chinese Military Mission which is at present in Malaya watched the disembarkation and later went aboard and inspected a troopship.

MALAYA'S GIFT.

As a sign of their admiration for the courage displayed by the London "bobbies" in the battle for Britain, Malayan policemen—both officers and rank and file—are subscribing for a fully equipped mobile canteen to be presented to the Metropolitan police force.

It is believed that this is the first time that a police force overseas has undertaken to donate a mobile canteen to the Metropolitan police of London.

DISEMBARKATION.

The disembarkation took place at Keppel harbour, one of the business sections of Singapore waterfront where American freighters could be seen discharging some of the new material which come from the United States under the Lease and Lend Act.

The troops all looked remarkably fit despite close confinement in a troopship. The first to disembark were a naval draft followed by the R.A.F. who have arrived to augment the already greatly increased air strength in this part of the world.

The last to disembark were army units. In view of their large number many of these were unable to come ashore until this morning.

CHINESE MISSION'S TOUR.

The Chinese Military Mission which has been visiting Malaya has been taken on an extensive tour of the whole peninsula from Thailand in the north to Singapore Island in the south. They said that they had been most impressed by the strength of the Malayan defences, particularly anti-aircraft. They were also impressed by the variety of troops in Malaya—British, Indian, Australian and Malayan, yet all working in the closest co-operation.

During their tour of the northern area, the Mission spent a considerable time with Indian and Australian forces and while at the Federal Capital, Kuala Lampur, discussed matters of mutual interest with the Australian General Officer Commanding, Major-General Gordon-Bennet

CHINESE MISSION CHIEF.

The Chinese Military Mission is headed by General Shank Chen who is accompanied by a number of high Chinese military, naval and air force officers.

Australian Red Cross Unit In Malaya

The Australian Red Cross Unit in Malaya has come so well prepared for any eventuality that the organisation has enough medical and other supplies to meet all the demands of its fighting forces for several months without depending on stores from the local authorities.

"We hope that our supplies, which are considered adequate for any emergency will enable us to carry on efficiently for several months," said Mr. Basil Burdett, Deputy Assistant Commissioner of the Unit here.

Mr. Burdett, was formerly a feature writer of the Melbourne Herlad.—Reuter.

Solomon's Caves For A. R. P.

LONDON, May 15.

Caves built by King Solomon have been placed at the disposal of the Jerusalem A.R.P. authorities, says a dispatch to the Independent French news agency. Six thousand persons could shelter in these 3,000-year-old caves.—Reuter.

NAZI PLANES RUSHED TO IRAQ

(Continued from Page 1)

plain that appropriate action is being taken".

Mr. Cocks (Labour) interposed: "Is it not a fact that since the Vichy Government left the League of Nations the Mandate for Syria no longer exists?"

Mr. Eden replied: "I should like to have notice of that, but there is certainly force in Mr. Cock's suggestion".

AMERICA INFORMED

Sir Henry Morris Jones (Liberal National) asked whether a warning was given to the Vichy Government.

Mr. Eden stated: "The Vichy Government was fully aware of our attitude in this matter; indeed their own undertaking is sufficient indication of their obligations"

In reply to a query whether the American Government had been fully informed of this development, Mr. Eden said: "Yes, certainly".

NO FREE PASSAGE WILL BE ALLOWED

The position of the British Government regarding German use of aerodromes in Syria has been made abundantly clear by Mr. Eden's statement on the subject in the House of Commons in the view of well-informed quarters in London. It shows that there is no question of Germans being able to smuggle help to Iraq unmolested as they did to Libya 'via' Tripoli in March.

The dangers inherent in the Syrian situation have long been evident and the attitude of Vichy to German pressure has been the subject of closest scrutiny. It is pointed out that it is impossible to anticipate the next developments, but if Anglo-French relations deteriorate further it will be at the instance of the Vichy Government.

It is stressed that in taking the action contemplated in Mr. Eden's statement, the British Government are merely carrying out its frequently stated policy of attacking German forces wherever they are encountered. The fact that they have landed in Syria shows that Vichy has insufficient authority to prevent the use of this Mandated Territory for Axis military purposes in violation of the Armistice terms.

It is pointed out that the French welcomed British troops' assistance in the defence of France and Britain is still engaged in the same struggle with the Free French at her side.

SITUATION IN IRAQ

Reuter's Special Correspondent writes:—

"The situation in Iraq is rapidly being got under control", stated a British Officer who has just flown back from Habbaniyah, interviewed by "Reuter" erclusively this morning.

He continued: "The R. A. F. co-operating with the British Imperial forces have now put out of action the Iraqian air force without having to use very devastating methods. The Iraqian army in isolated sections showed spirited offensive spirit, but in the main was unprepared for major engagements and as soon as it realised the forces it was up against, it surrendered in large numbers.

NAZI LIE PROPAGANDA

The rising was entirely influenced by Nazi propaganda machine pouring mistruths into the ears of Iraqians—the Baghdad radio spewing forth lies daylong trying to invoke hatred of Britishers in the Near East.

Evidence of the subtle methods employed by the Germans is furnished by the fact that Rashid Ali paid four Iraqian Generals hundred sterling each cash down to lead the revolt. The British employed every means to stop the revolt peacefully.

The officer himself flew down the Euphrates valley dropping pamphlets. Nevertheless he was fired on by isolated batches of rebels with machine-guns. He added:

"During the last few days I saw several unidentified aircraft flying over Iraq, probably German. They all sheered off most quickly on the approach of our aircraft.

The Iraqians are tough soldiers, but easily influenced and with the arrival of reinforcements from India, the position is rapidly easing".

The Officer confirmed reports of the arrival of a number of Nazi planes on Syrian airfields. The British Imperial forces established in the Near East are confident that they will be able to handle the situation.

STORY OF A RESCUE

Besides his wrecked aircraft stood a solitary figure. Intensive fire from a fort at Rutbah wells and from an insurgent nest in the sand dunes swept across the desert.

This was the scene that confronted a young flying officer who was making a lone bombing attack on a desert fort held for a few days by Iraq rebels, says a report from the R. A. F. Headquarters in the Middle East to the Air Ministry News Service.

The flying officer at once landed his aircraft as close to the wreck as possible. Then he recognised the figure standing there as his Commanding Officer. Crossfire from the rebels was intensive and the rescue aircraft was hit several times.

A fast armoured car commanded by another squadron leader then drove up and positioned itself between the aircraft and the fort and returned the insurgents' fire. The squadron leader was the only survivor of the wrecked aircraft and he was seriously wounded. He was taken off under a barrage of machine-gun and rifle fire from the fort and despite a damaged tailwheel, the aircraft returned to its base.—Reuter.

Iraq Minister Meets Ineunu And Red Ambassador

LONDON, May 15.

Naji Shaukat Ali, Iraq Minister for Defence, had an interview on Wednesday with the Soviet Ambassador in Ankara and with the President Ineunu, reports the Toulouse radio.—Reuter.

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SUNDAY, MAY 18

FOREIGN FILMS IN TOWN

Martha Scott in "Cheers For Miss Bishop" at New Empire.

"Cheers For Miss Bishop"

Gripping Film Romance At New Empire

Thrilling romance and poignant drama sweep through the intensely emotional story which is unfolded in Richard A. Rowland's "Cheers For Miss Bishop," will be shown from to-day at New Empire. The film is a tribute to the brilliant directorial talents of Tay Garnett and the splendid acting of a cast headed by Martha Scott and William Gargan.

The supporting cast in this gripping romance includes such sterling character actors as Edmund Gwenn, Sidney Blackmer, Marsha Hunt, Sterling Holloway, Dorothy Peterson and Donald Douglas. In addition, "Cheers For Miss Bishop" introduces young Mary Anderson, a flashing brunette who made her screen debut in a lesser role in "Gone with the Wind."

"Cheers For Miss Bishop" has for its background the rich and colourful days of the gay '90's when women as well as men shared in the lusty life of a mid-western University town. The beautiful and exciting heroine of this town is Martha Scott, who finds herself sought and loved by three men, William Gargan, Sidney Blackmer and Donald Douglas. This three-concerned romance overshadows, of course, the absorbing background story which deals with the start and growth of a great university.

In addition to the outstanding performances turned in by the stars and the featured players, "Cheers For Miss Bishop" wins high praise for the brilliance of its production and directions. The story moves along at a smart pace, with excellent photography, lighting and dialogue enriching its gripping tale from the first shot to the final fadeout. Many large and elaborate sets built for the picture attest to the lavishness of the production.

"Cheers For Miss Bishop" adds up to top-notch entertainment on all counts—it has drama, emotion, comedy, suspense and excitement. It's a boon to every patron who wants to enjoy himself when he goes to the movies.

SUNDAY SHOW AT CAPITOL

On Sunday morning at 10-30, "Love Affair" with Irene Dunne and Charles Boyer will be screened at the Capitol Theatre.

Wallace Beery At Capitol

Starring In "Bad Man Of Wyoming"

Wallace Beery comes to the Capitol Cinema on Friday in "Bad Man of Wyoming", Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer's thrilling drama of the pioneer West. The picture, filmed on location at Jackson Hole Wyoming, portrays him as a reformed train-robber who, in protecting a girl and small child from Indians and cattle rustlers becomes the leader in bringing law and order to a primitive region.

Ann Rutherford and Bobs Watson play the objects of his protection, and an elaborate cast includes Leo Carrillo, Marjorie Main, who as the "lady blacksmith" is the object of Beery's affections in his funniest romance since "Min and Bill"; Lee Bowman, Joseph Calleia, Paul Kelly, Henry Travers, Russell Simpson, Clem Bevans and many others.

Hundreds appear in battles of Indians and General Custer's cavalry, rounding up of cattle thieves and other exciting details amid which are whimsical comedy sequences such as Beery serenading his lady love with a harmonica. The young romance is played between Ann Rutherford and Lee Bowman. Richard Thorpe directed the picture.

"Spies Of The Air At Excelsior

Air thrills in the films have become so numerous as to be almost commonplace but in "Spies of The Air", the air shots are remarkable for dealing with a single plane and are still absorbingly interesting.

There is a scene of the lone plane high above an eerily beautiful cloudscape, we hear the drone of the engine change to high pitched whine as the supercharger comes into action, the speed of the plane increases terrifically. At the end of the test we see it take an almost vertical, heart-stopping dive to the earth hidden below the clouds.

The final sequence where the spy meets his death is one that has few equals in agonised suspense. As the plane circles down with the engine futilely spluttering on empty tanks, the horizon canting and whirling dizzily before the pilot's eyes, while he struggles with the controls, a windmill and some trees are missed by a hairsbreadth; through all this the audience will feel as though they are the unhappy man in the doomed machine.

SUNDAY SHOW AT REGAL

On Sunday morning at 10-30, "Professor Beware" starring Harold Lloyd will be shown at the Regal Theatre.

Film Of Horse Stars

'Forty Thousand Horsesmen' At Regal

"Forty Thousand Horsemen" produced by the famous producer-director Charles Chauvel and which comes to the Regal Theatre on Friday is destined to make the Australian Light Horse in Palestine live again.

The romantic story of the Australian Light Horsemen, scrapping and loving against desert backgrounds, is strengthened by historical facts—vividly presented—concerning the part they played in the Sinai campaign during the last war.

The real excellence of the film is the masterly handling of settings and photography. Charge scenes are splendidly done, quite as thrilling as anything the Yankees can do—and there is no reason for any deletion.

Love story between Grant Taylor and Betty Bryant—18-year old Bondi girl—has charm and appeal.

The romantic scene in the hut has a naturalness which is refreshing and is without offence.

"Chips" Rafferty, as a happy-go-lucky Aussie soldier, almost steals a picture which is exciting all through and full of Australian atmosphere.

"Night Train To Munich" At Broadway

"Night Train To Munich", is a film drama of Nazi terrorism and intrigue, produced in London by Twentieth Century Productions. It is being shown at Broadway from to-morrow.

Starring Margaret Lockwood and Rex Harrison, with Paul Von Hernried heading the supporting cast, this film presents a vigorous story in which several of the devastating political events of recent months are re-enacted with almost frightening realism.

Marx Bros. At Palace In "Go West"

The Marx Bros.,—Groucho Chico and Harpo—will be seen at the Palace this week in their latest and funniest comedy hit, "Go West". It is a scream from start to finish and laughs are too numerous and come too fast to be counted. There is more of plot than usual in this Marx offering.

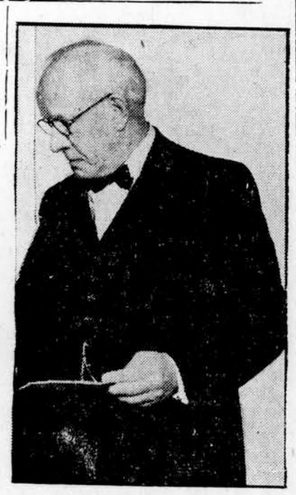
Situations are new and novel, with the most hilarious scenes taking place in a railroad station where Groucho tries to fleece Chico and Harpo and is fleeced himself.

SUNDAY SHOW AT METRO

On Sunday, May 18th, at 10 a.m. Metro Goldwyn Mayer's spectacular musical "The Great Waltz" starring Luise Rainer, Fernand Gravet and Miliza Korjus, will be shown.

A character from "Spies Of The Air" at Excelsior.

A character from "40,000 Horsemen" at Regal.



Lewis Stone as Judge Hardy in "Andy Hardy's Private Secretary" at Metro.

Another Hardy Family Film

Andrews Now Has Private Secretary

Passing one of the most important milestones in his life, young Andrew Hardy graduates from high school in "Andy Hardy's Private Secretary", latest of the Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer Hardy Family Series which opens at Metro to-day.

Considered as one of the outstanding of the series, this new film deals with the many amusing problems facing high school seniors in America and are as true to life to-day as they were a decade ago. The story, in brief, centres about Andy who, as Chairman of numerous senior committees, loses sight of his studies in his effort to make the class graduation a success.

In addition he makes the acquaintance of two youngsters from the wrong side of Carvel's tracks, Kathryn and Harry Land. The Judge becomes interested in the family and attempts to help them but Andy, in an over-enthusiastic moment, spoils the deal. How the two help him out of his difficulties when he fails in his English examination, proves a highlight of the film.

The Hardy Family is again assembled for the story. Mickey Rooney gives one of his sincerest interpretations of Andy. Lewis Stone appears once again as the Judge with Fay Holden as Ma Hardy. Sara Haden resumes her role as Aunt Milly and Ann Rutherford portrays Polly Benedict.

The film serves to introduce two new-comers to the screen. Kathryn Grayson makes her debut as a singing starlet in the role of Andy's Secretary. The possessor of a rare voice, she sings three numbers.

Todd Karns, son of the popular comedian, Roscoe Karns, appears in the role of Miss Grayson's brother, and proves to be one of the juvenile "finds" of the year.

The film is direced by George Seitz, who has piloted the family through most of their screen adventures.

SHIVAJI TOUCH IN THE CURRENT WAR

The Lofoten Swoop On The Screen

On the Lofoten Island off the Norwegian coast, Hitler piled up a heavy stock of the material with which he could carry on his war against humanity. Hitler boasted that no soldier of Democracy could dare set foot on European soil.

The Lofoten island was heavily guarded. But the wit and nerve of the British navy would not be deterred. The swoop on the Lofoten island is an epic story of bravery. It was the kind of quick thrust that Shivaji used to practise. And it was carried out with strict adherance to a moral code that Shivaji maintained—no damage to civilian life or property was permitted.

The whole episode, cinematographed while it took place, is being released to-day by the Film Advisory Board simultaneously at the Regal, New Empire, Capitol, Palace and Broadway Theatres.

The film gives an authentic picture of war tactics. The silent landing of the British soldiers, the planned capture of key posts, the prompt arrest of the Nazi guards, the spectacular destruction of huge oil tanks, the scrupulous respect shown for private property then the rowing back to battleship from which the soldiers came; it is all there in complete detail.

Most impressive of all probably, is the sight of brightened faces of the many Norwegians who were happy to be given a chance to get away from the Nazi heel.

The Half-Column By "Dim"

If the Half-Column appears slightly stiff to-day, it's only a reflection of the state of my neck. When you have a stiff neck like I have, you begin to feel different from your normal self. Instead of feeling like a journalist, you feel like a Government Official. Instead of feeling that you're wearing an open neck sports-shirt, you think you're in one that is starched and hard-boiled. And instead of saying that you're feeling lousy, you feel more inclined to say you're feeling "indisposed". In fact you begin to get an insight into the official mind.

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Thinking over the sensational one-man drama of the Nazi leader who flew over in a Messerschicht 110, I think the following (copyright reserved) few lines in limerick verse sum up what this Nazi said to himself on the eve of his making the dramatic long flight:

"In the land of Hitler you only
said 'Yes'
If you didn't, they'd kill you,
more or less.
So take a one-ten
Straight to a Scotch Glen
You'll still be alive, Rudolf
Hess".

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Read this and see if it moves you as it moved me. It is an extract from a Reuter message and goes as follows: "The Old Bailey was bombed for a third time since the beginning of the war. No. 2. Court has been ruined and two porters on duty were killed but the gilded figure of justice still stands."

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After reading the completely pointless controversy regarding the question whether Sir Currimbhoy Ebrahim received a letter from Mr. Jinnah, I feel I ought also to issue the following statement: "'Dim' and the Half-Column beg to state that neither jointly nor severally have they received any letter from Mr. Jinnah or for that matter from Mr. Amery or Adolf Hitler and any rumours about such letters being received are entirely false." ("Janma Bhoomi" and other papers please copy.)

A RAJKOT CONFERENCE
(From Our Correspondent.)

RAJKOT, May 15.

To-day the Dhrol Thakore Saheb arrived here and put up at Rajkot Thakore Saheb's Palace. It is believed that a Conference between himself the Rajkot Thakore Saheb and Talukdars of Yadhka, Shapur and Tramba will be held on the present situation in Kathiawar.

LONDON, May 13.

General de Gaulle's representative in the Far East M C F Baron has arrived at Hongkong to-day (Wednesday). He will have a series of talks with British officials and de Gaulle supporters, says a dispatch to the Independent French Agency.

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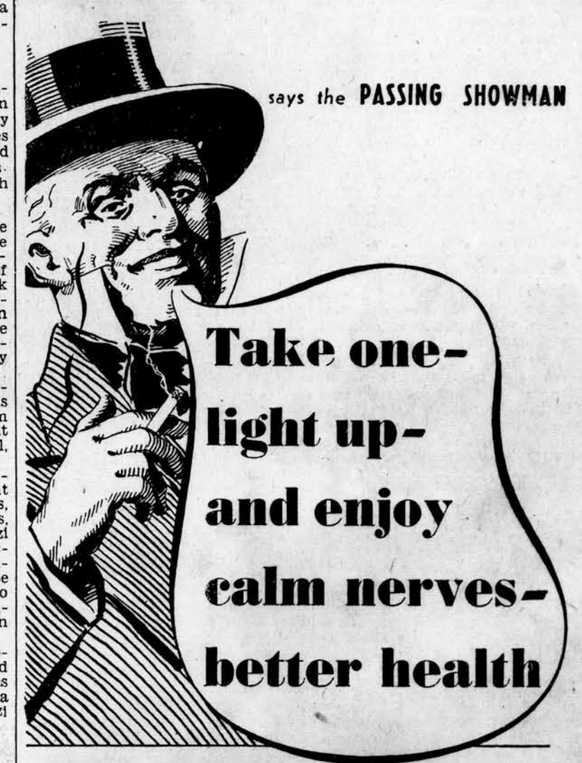
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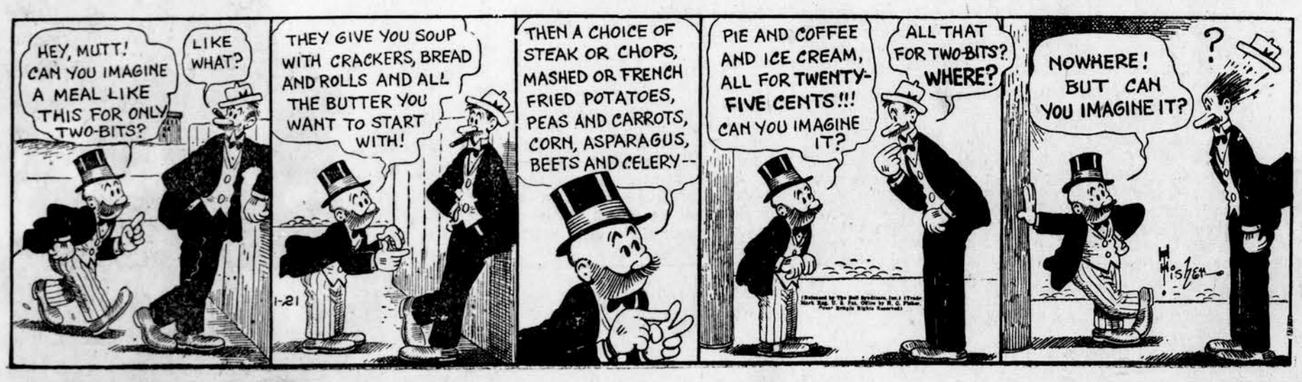
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Lahore High Court Acquits Punjab M.L.A.

SEQUEL TO "AMICUS CURIAE" APPLICATION BY BAR ASSOCIATION

LAHORE, May 15.

On an 'amicus curiae' application filed on behalf of the Lahore High Court Bar Association, Mr. Justice Skemp to-day acquitted Lala Bhimsen Sachcher, M.L.A., who had been sentenced to one year's imprisonment and a fine of Rs. 1,000 for notifying the District Magistrate of his intention to offer Satyagraha.

Intimation No Offence

This is the third case in which a Satyagrahi has been acquitted by the High Court on the ground that the mere sending of the intimation to the District Magistrate that one intends to shout anti-war slogans does not constitute an offence under Rule 121 of the Defence of India Rules.—A. P.

Lahore Arrest And Conviction

LAHORE, May 15.

Mr. Yashpal, Editor of the "Hindi Milap" Lahore and son of Mahashe Khushal Chand, proprietor of the "Urdu Milap" Lahore was arrested this afternoon under the Defence of India Rules for making an alleged anti-war speech at a meeting on May 11 in celebration of the "Deoli Camp Day".

Mr. Jagdish Chander, who offered Satyagraha yesterday outside the University Hall was convicted and sentenced to-day to nine months' rigorous imprisonment under the Defence of India Rules.—A. P.

Karnatak Gave 822 Satyagrahis

HUBLI, May 15.

One hundred and ten Satyagrahis were convicted and sentenced to various terms of imprisonment in Karnatak from April 16 to 31.

The total number of those convicted since the begining of the Satyagraha campaign is 822.—A. P.

Palghar C. C. Chief Jailed

(From Our Correspondent.)

THANA, May 14.

Shri-Ramkrishna Atmaram alias Tatyasaheb Samant, President Palghar Taluka Congress Committee, Vice-President Thana D. L. Board and a member of the Maharashtra P.C.C. who had offered "Satyagraha" at Boisar Station on Monday last was tried yesterday by the Additional District Magistrate, Thana for an offence under Rule 38 (1) 5 of Defence of India Rules, on his pleading guilty to the charge, Mr. Samant was convicted and sentenced to four months simple imprisonment. He was given "B" class.

Sjt. Zaiwala Arrested At Bordi

(From Our Correspondent.)

BORDI, May 14.

Shrijut Minocheher Zaiwala offered Satyagraha by uttering anti-war slogans at 3-30 p. m. at Bazar Peth. He was immediately arrested and taken to Thana District Jail.

Korde Guruji Gets 8 Months' R. I.

(From Our Correspondent)

BULDANA, May 14

Sjt. Korde Guruji, a well-known Congress worker, who was arrested at Rohinkhed under Section 34 has been sentenced at Buldana by Mr. S. M. Seth to eight months' R.I.

In connection with Dongaon murders some four persons are arrested in which there are three brothers who, it is alleged, belongs to a rich family. This case will be heard at Buldana.

GOSAVI SEES MAHATMA

WARDHAGANJ, May 15.

Mr. Gosavi, President of the Maharashtra Provincial Congress, and Dr. Lagu and Dr. Bhadkamkar met Mahatma Gandhi this afternoon and discussed with him the general situation in Maharashtra.—United Press.

In U. P.

Jail And Fine For M. L. A.

GORAKHPUR, May 15.

Pandit Ramdhari Pandey, M.L.A., was sentenced to one year's R. I. and fined Rs. 500 by Mr. Srinivas, First Class Magistrate, in connection with a speech he delivered. Mr. Pandey was recommended "C" class.—A. P.

Politicals Can Sleep In Open In U. P. Jails

ALLAHABAD, May 15.

A political prisoner in the United Provinces can now be allowed to sleep in the open during the summer provided the Jail Superintendent considers it advisable in the interest of his health.

Instructions to this effect are understood to have been issued to Jail Superintendents by the U. P. Government.—A. P.

Kashi Vidyapith Student Arrested

BENARES, May 15.

Mr. Ganga Prasad Singh, a student of the Kashi Vidyapith is reported to have been arrested under the Defence of India Rules at Bijnor.—A. P.

Jail For Distributing Unauthorised Leaflets

MADRAS, May 15.

Mr. M. V. Rajam, now undergoing a term of imprisonment in the Madras penitentiary in connection with Satyagraha was convicted to-day for the offence of possessing and distributing unauthorised leaflets and was sentenced to six months' R. I.—A. P.

Seventeen Congressmen Jailed

MADRAS, May 15.

Seventeen Congressmen were sentenced to various terms of imprisonment for offering Satyagraha by shouting anti-war slogans in different parts of the city.—A. P.

SIMLA, 15.—A meeting of the Standing Emigration Committee was held this morning at the Gorton Castle when questions relating to Burma and Ceylon were discussed.—A. P.

CALCUTTA EDITOR PLEADS NOT GUILTY

Charge Under Defence Of India Rules

CALCUTTA, May 15.

A charge under the Defence of India Rules was framed to-day by the Additional District Magistrate at Alipore against Mr. Niranjan Sing Taleb, editor of "Deshdarpan", a Gurmukhi Daily. Mr. Taleb is being prosecuted in connection with an article published in his paper on April 30

The accused pleaded "not guilty" to the charge and the hearing was adjourned to May 26.—A. P.

INTERNMENT FOR BOSE'S NEPHEW

CALCUTTA, May 14.

Mr. Dwijendra Nath Bose, a nephew of Mr. Subhas Chandra Bose, has been served with an order under the Defence of India Rules, directing him to remain within the Rajpur police station in Twenty-four Parganas.

Mr. Bose, who is the General Secretary of the All-India Youth League, is now in jail custody in connection with a case arising out of a speech delivered by him at a public meeting at Belliaghatta in the north suburb of the City.—A. P.

ARRESTED UNDER FRONTIER CRIME REGULATIONS

BANNU, May 15.

Qazi Yaqub of Zindu village within the jurisdiction of Mirian police station, Shekh Ghulam Sarwar Mazun and Moulvi Lutfullah Alias Khan of Mullah, supporters of the Muslim League and Khaksars and also Sherjan Khan, Redshirt officer on Satyagraha were taken into custody yesterday under Sec. 40 of the Frontier Crime Regulations.—A. P.

BENGAL CRIMINAL LAW AMENDING BILL To Deal With Thefts In Workshops

CALCUTTA, May 15.

In order to prevent the theft of articles in industrial areas, the Government of Bengal propose to amend the Bengal Criminal Law Act.

The Amending Bill, to be known as the Bengal Criminal Law (Industrial Areas Amendment) Bill, 1941, will shortly be introduced in the Provincial Assembly.

According to the statement of objects and reasons of the proposed bill, thefts of articles from railway workshops and stores and from mill and industrial areas are of frequent occurrence, and it is always difficult to bring the offenders to book owing to the difficulty of satisfactory identification of the articles as required by law. The question of dealing with such culprits has been examined by the railway administrations as also by the Baindy-Gordon Committee and by Government, and the view has been held that the problems can be effectively met only by special legislation on the lines of Sections 32 and 54A of the Calcutta Police Act, 1866. For the present, it is proposed to make the bill applicable to the railway workshops at Kharagpur, Kanchrapara and Chittagong.—A. P.

EASTERN GROUP SUPPLY COUNCIL

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like to repeat that the Council is an organisation which has been set up to subserve the needs of the war. Its objective is not the economic advancement of its constituent countries though that must necessarily result from its operations; its purpose is the efficient procurement of war supplies using the Eastern Group as a vast unit of supply. The end of the war should see the end of the Council as it is at present; wut it may we that during the period of its existence the contacts which are being made, the spirit of mutual understanding which is being fostered, the sense of being a useful economic entity which may begin to be felt by the countries of the Eastern Group will lead to a desire in those countries for peace time collaboration. Who knows. Good night".

Fakir Of Ipi In Gorwekht

Tribesmen Busy In South & North Waziristan

SIMLA, May 15.

So far as is known the Fakir of Ipi is still in Gorwekht, and the report that he had moved to Dareknela has been found to be premature.

The situation with regard to the Maddakhel tribe is reported to have deteriorated somewhat. In order to effect the release of the children kidnapped from Miranshah on April 11 pressure was brought to bear on this tribe by suspension of the pay of Khasadars, who thereupon have left their posts.

Hostile gangs of this tribe have been active throughout the last week. For instance, on the night of May 2-3 they attacked the Dattakhel Sarai but were driven off and one of the party of Mhaddakhel who were helping them was killed. The following day, a large Maddakhel gang under Sherazaman held up and burnt a mail lorry, and the same evening they also burnt a Khassadar picket. Various other minor incidents are reported.

The Political Agent, north Waziristan, saw a full Torikhel Jirga at Miranshah on May 2, at which the Maliks were informed that they must take urgent action against Azalmir in order to recover the Hindu captives believed to be in his hands.

In South Waziristan on May 6 near Tikrai Sar, the South Waziristan Scouts were heavily engaged by a party of Shabikhel, Abdali and Shaman Khel hostiles numbering about 200. The Scouts suffered some casualties and of the enemy at least one was killed and three injured: but full details of their casualties have not yet been received. The same evening the Soraroghа-Razmak road was made impassable.

A repair party which went out the next day came under fire and a military engineering service overseer was wounded.

GIRL AND BOYS KIDNAPPED.

On the night of May 2-3 a Hindu girl, aged 15 and two Hindu boys were kidnapped from Tajori, Bannu District. The villagers there possess seventy rifles for defence purposes, but they took little or no action to rescue the girl and boys. It is stated that appropriate action will be taken by the authorities.

On May 5 a Chigha party from Raghza, Dehra Ismail District, engaged in recovering stolen cattle met a hostile gang of Mahsuds and an engagement ensued in which one of the villagers and two of the gang were killed. A second encounter took place the next day in which the villagers were not so successful; one of them was wounded and two were captured.—A. P.

Burma Duty On Indian Films

Commerce Secretary's Letter To South Indian Film Chamber

MADRAS, May 15.

The decisions of the Government of Burma with regard to the assessment of Customs Duty on exposed cinematograph films imported from India into Burma have been communicated by the Secretary, Department of Commerce and Industry, Burma Government, to the South Indian Film Chamber of Commerce, Madras.

The Secretary in his communication says:—These decisions together with certain other less important decisions relating to publicity accessories and other connected questions are provisional pending a full examination of the problems involved and their final solution on a permanent basis."

The decisions are:—

(1). Duties on exposed films of non-Indian origin:—The Customs Duty will remain at 37½ per cent "ad valorem". The tariff value will be as noted below:—

(a) Exposed standard positive feature films.....seven pies per foot.

(b) Other exposed standard positive films (including all trailers.....three pies per foot

(c) Duties on exposed films of Indian origin:—The assessment of these films is receiving separate consideration but assurance is given that the assessment will not exceed 15 per cent "ad valorem" on tariff values of seven pies per foot for exposed standard positive feature films and three pies per foot for other exposed standard positive films (including all trailers).—A. P.

MOTHSRAIDER

We deeply regret to express that owing to the recent riots in the City our sales have been badly affected and therefore we have been very reluctantly compelled to postpone the closing date of Mothsraider Cross-Figure Competition No. 3 from the 14th of May, 1941, to the 14th of July, 1941.

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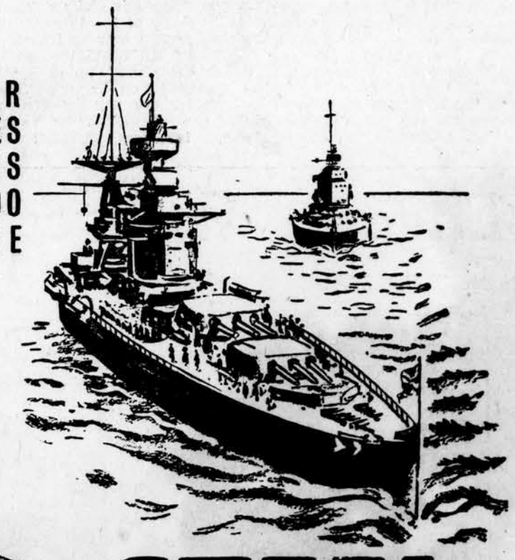

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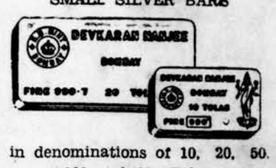
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Famous London Buildings Bombed

Lambeth Palace, Queen's Hall, St. James' Palace And Old Bailey Damaged

LONDON, May 15.

Lambeth Palace, home of the Archbishop of Canterbury, Queen's Hall, the centre of London's Musical life, St. James's Palace, St. Clement Danes, one of the churches much-used for fashionable weddings, the Old Bailey, home of the Criminal Courts of Justice, and the Salvation Army headquarters are among the London buildings damaged in the recent raids on London.

The International headquarters of the Salvation Army in Queen Victoria Street was destroyed together with most of the records.

The Old Bailey was bombed for a third time since the beginning of the war. Number 2 Court has been ruined and two porters on duty were killed but the gilded figure of justice still stands.

The beautiful Wren Church of St. Clement Dane in the Strand has been gutted and it is feared that the famous bells will not ring again

The damage to Queen's Hall is severe and thousands of pounds worth of instruments belonging to the London Philharmonic Orchestra were destroyed.

Concert In Middle Of Road

Members of the orchestra arriving to give a concert were confronted with the wreckage, but decided somehow or other to give their scheduled concert.

An impromptu meeting was held in the middle of the road, and frantic phone calls resulted in sufficient instruments being borrowed and permission readily given for them to play in the Royal Academy of Music.

The Manager sitting at a table in the road handed transfer tickets to members of the public as they arrived and re-directing them to where the concert was being held. The original programme was given to a crowded house which received the performance with enthusiasm.—Reuter.

WESTMINSTER PUBLIC SCHOOL IN RUINS

LONDON, May 14.

The famous public school of Westminster is the latest of London's historic buildings of which severe bomb damage is revealed.

The dormitory in which an historic latin play takes place every December has been gutted. The dormitory which dates back 200 years was used by All King's scholars.

Serious damage has also been done to the great school-room where the ceremony of tossing the pancake takes place and also to the Chapter Library.

Ashburnham House which includes the school library designed by Inigo Jones has been partly destroyed.

Numerous class rooms have been burnt out.

The memorial containing the names of old Westminster boys was destroyed among the panelling in the big hall, also furniture and original seventeenth century book-cases which were removed to the hall from the Busby Library when the latter was bombed last autumn.—

St. James Palace Gets A Bomb

St. James Palace from which King Charles I was taken on the morning of his execution and to which his body was returned also received a German bomb. The Palace was the scene in recent years, by the permission of His Majesty the King, of many famous international conferences.—Reuter.

Salvation Army Headquarters In Ruins

The Salvation army headquarters is to-day a scene of utter desolation. It is feared that all valuable records of the Army, since its inception, have gone.

The gilded figure of Justice still stands watch over Britain's criminal courts of Justice, but she looks down upon yet further damage to that already performed by German bombs in two previous raids. The latest damage is to No. II court, the scene of many famous trials, which is completely in ruins.

FAMOUS BELLS LOST.

The famous bells of St. Clements Danes, further west, used to chime the world famed "oranges and lemons, the bells of Saint Clements" peal. This beautiful Wren church—probably the most-bombed church in London was gutted by fire. It is believed that at least some of the bells were cracked by heat and others buried under debris. Restored in 1919 the bells were recently taken down. They were to be buried in sand for safety until after the war, but they were in the porch of the church, when it was on fire.

The Salvation Army headquarters were opened by William Booth, in 1881. Some of the records in the strong room may be intact.

QUEEN'S HALL MEMORIES.

Nearly every musician of note has appeared on Queen's Hall platform. There Richard Strauss, one of the foremost living composers, introduced himself to London audiences and Toscanini made his bow in 1930. Paderewski was once paid a record fee of a £1,000 for a single concert. Perhaps the best known concerts held there are the "proms" conducted by Sir Henry J. Wood.

NAZI RAIDS ON WEDNESDAY.

Bombs were dropped by single aircraft at points on the south coast, in East Midlands and in Eastern England to-day, says an Air Ministry 'communique'. Little damage was done and the number of casualties was small.

LULL IN NIGHT RAIDS.

Night raids on Britain seem to be waning with the moon. Following Monday's lull no attacks were reported up to an early hour this morning. Enemy planes flew over the coast at a few points but no incidents apparently followed.

NAZI BOMBERS SHOT DOWN.

One German bomber was destroyed while raiding Britain last night when, as the Air Ministry 'communique' stated earlier, there was but little enemy air activity over this country.

KING INSPECTS DAMAGE.

The King and Queen inspected the bomb damage to Westminster Abbey. Standing in the Abbey at practically the same spot where four years ago they were the central figures in the pomp and ceremony of the Coronation, they gazed to-day on the piles of debris lying in the place which their Coronation chairs had occupied.

In the roof above them was a gaping hole while the mighty chancel was covered with dust.

The King afterwards drove across to the Houses of Parliament and standing at the Speaker's entrance looked into the wrecked debating chamber of the House of Commons. He saw the floor of the historic chamber covered with piles of masonry and twisted girders.

The King then inspected the damaged lobby and Westminster Hall and also the damaged corridor and lobby of the House of Lords.

RAIDLESS NIGHT FOR BRITAIN

There is nothing to report, states Thursday morning's Air Ministry 'communique' on last night's enemy air activity over Britain.

Enemy Supply Ship Sunk Off Dutch Coast

LONDON, May 15.

The sinking of an enemy supply ship off the Dutch Coast yesterday is announced in an Air Ministry Communique.—Reuter.

S. AFRICAN AIRCRAFT BUSY IN CYRENAICA

LONDON, May 15.

Aircraft of the South African Air Force went into action for the first time in Cyrenaica on Monday when the R. A. F. attacked enemy planes on the Gambut landing ground. That night R. A. F. heavy bombers crossed the Mediterranean and attacked the Axis landing ground in Kattavia, Rhodes Island. Three violent explosions occurred after the bombs had burst. The same night enemy planes raided Malta and caused slight damage and Suda Bay (Crete) where, however, no damage was caused. A further raid carried out on Malta on Tuesday resulted in the destruction of ten houses, the death of one civilian and injury to twelve others.

FLEET AIR ARM IN IRAQ

The Fleet Air Arm also attacked barracks and a compound at Amara in Iraq about 150 miles from the Persian Gulf on Tuesday. Direct hits were obtained on buildings. A small arms factory of the insurgents at Musaiyb, a petrol dump at Raschid and motor-transports were raided on the same day. A fire was started at the factory.

IN ABYSSINIA

The South African Air Force is still active together with the R. A. F. in Abyssinia where on Monday the Fort of Amba Alagi and enemy positions around it were bombed and machine-gunned. Troops hiding in the woods near Sciassiamaana were similarly strafed and an enemy camp was also attacked. Motor transport and aircraft on the landing ground in the Lekomti area were machine-gunned.

Two R. A. F. planes are missing from these widespread operations but the pilot of one is safe.—Reuter.

ATTACK ON ENEMY CONVOY

CAIRO, May 15.

Aircraft of the Fleet Air Arm made a highly successful attack on an enemy convoy southbound in the Mediterranean during Monday night, announces the R. A. F. headquarters. Hits were made on an 8,000-ton merchant vessel and a destroyer.

The merchant vessel blew up with a violent explosion and was destroyed. It was last seen with clouds of smoke pouring from it and pilots confirm that this was not a smoke screen.—Reuter.

RESEARCH IN COMBATING NIGHT BOMBING

10 Years' Work Done In 10 Months

LONDON, May 14.

The progress of research in combating the night bombing menace was mentioned by the Home Secretary Mr. Morrison speaking in London on Wednesday.

On the subject of night fighters Mr. Morrison declared "There have been great achievements. I am told that research and development have gone as far in this last ten months as they would have done in ten years of normal peace-time. So that, today those who know best think, that in night interception we are rather more than a shade ahead of the enemy."

While warning against hasty conclusions from the recent successes Mr. Morrison claimed, nevertheless that "a significant thing is the steady and consistent rise in the curve of victories since the dark times of the winter."

AMERICAN SHIPS POURING IN AT SUEZ

ANKARA, May 15.

Winches and other loading and unloading equipment are being sent from Smyrna and Istanbul to Alexandretta where the harbour is being rapidly modernised.

It seems that Alexandretta will be the main port of Turkey for British trade.

American boats are arriving Suez every four days and this fact enhances Alexandretta's importance especially since the German occupation of the islands of Lemnos, Lesbos and Chios threatens communications between Istanbul and Smyrna.—Reuter.

ANEY MAY INTERVIEW VICEROY?

SIMLA, May 15.

Mr. M. S. Aney told the 'United Press' representative that he had not yet decided but he might interview the Viceroy during his two days' stay in Simla. Mr Aney is staying with Sir G. S. Bajpai.—United Press.

Australian War Loan Over-Subscribed

SYDNEY, May 15.

The Government's 35 million pounds war loan has been oversubscribed and is closing shortly, a Government spokesman announced.—Reuter.

MOBILE HOSPITAL GIFT TO S. A. ARMY.

DURBAN, May 15.

The American shipping firm, Robin Line, has presented the South African army with a mobile field hospital of four vehicles for use in the Middle East. The hospital, which cost £8,000, is equipped with an operating theatre, an X'ray room and a sterilising room.—Reuter.

Tripura Title For Tagore

SANTINIKETAN, May 14.

An envoy from Tripura Durbar, specially deputed by H. H. the Maharaja Manikya Bahadur, conferred last evening at an impresive function the title of "Bharat Bhaskar" (Sun of India) on Dr. Rabindranath Tagore.—A. P.

Closer Turko-German Economic Collaboration

Germany Won't Demand Passage For Troops Through Turkey, Assures Papen

ANKARA, May 15.

While nothing is known of the conversation between von Papen and M. Sarajoglu well-informed circles believe that the Ambassador either delivered or will deliver proposals for closer economic collaboration between Germany and Turkey.

Von Papen delivered personal message of friendship from Hitler to the Turkish President Ineunu on Wednesday afternoon according to an American radio commentator broadcasting from Ankara.

Nothing he stated, was known of the contents of the message except that an official communique described it as friendly.

Informed quarters report that at yesterday's meeting with M. Sarajoglu, von Papen again confirmed German friendship for Turkey, and expressed the hope that TURKEY WOULD RECIPROCATE THIS FRIENDSHIP WITHOUT IN ANY WAY PREJUDICING HER ALLIANCE WITH OTHER POWERS.

Von Papen is also reported to have given categorical assurances that Germany had no intention of making compromising demands on Turkey and specifically that she would not ask or consider the asking for right to pass troops across Turkish territory.

The broadcaster stated that a German sopkesman in Ankara denied that German planes carrying war material for Iraq have so far flown over Syrian territory.

It is learned, however, that the first point in German-Iraq discussions may be delivery of German war material ordered by Iraq Government before the outbreak of hostilities.

Secret Session Of People's Party

Von Papen paid yesterday the customary call of an Ambassador returning to his post at the Foreign Office to-day and saw M. Sarajoglu.

The Turkish Cabinet held the usual weekly meeting later in the day after which M. Sarajoglu addressed the People's Party at a secret session for an hour on the subject of Foreign Affairs.

The Premier Saydam then gave a resume of foreign developments after which the meeting in the words of an official communique, ended with an outburst of applause.—Reuter.

Hitler Concentrating Large Force At Moldavia

Invasion Of Syria Or Attack On Soviet Likely: Turkey May Be Left Untouched

ANKARA, May 15.

THE MAIN TOPIC OF CONVERSATION HERE IS WHERE THE GERMANS WILL MOVE NEXT. THE MOST FAVOURED SPOT IS SYRIA.

M. Yalchin in the newspaper "Yenisabah" declares that the Germans will probably try to invade Egypt 'via' Syria, but adds how they will try and get to Syria is their affair—in any case they will not pass through Turkey; that we know definitely.

Other newspapers carry unconfirmed reports that German bombers have arrived in Mosul.

Many people are of the opinion that Hitler is trying to persuade Admiral Darlan to convince Marshal Petain to allow German troop planes to land in Syria to proceed to Iraq.

Another group point out that the Germans have at present 15 divisions in Moldavia which is more than the number there before the invasion of the Balkans adding the Germans are known to have concentrated large sea going barges on the lower Danube.

This, they suggest, means that Hitler either intends attacking Russia or else use the threat of invasion to secure concessions from Stalin.

The Turkish Government is regarding the situation coolly and continue to take defence measures for which the national assembly had voted an extra credit of 13 and half million Turkish pounds.—Reuter.

Papen Interviews President Ineunu

LONDON, May 14.

Von Papen, the German Ambassador in Turkey, had an hour's interview with President Ineunu on Wednesday afternoon, says an Istanbul despatch to the official German news agency. The Turkish Foreign Minister, M. Sarajoglu was present.—Reuter.

TWO P. C. C. CHIEFS CONFER WITH MAHATMA

WARDHA, May 15.

Mr. Gosavi, the President of the Maharashtra, P. C. C. has arrived here to see Mahatma Gandhi. It is learnt that Mr. Gosavi's visit is in connection with a list of Satyagrahas from Maharashtra, which has still not been approved.

Mr. Dhirubhai Desai, president of the Bombay P.C.C. resumed his talks with Mahatma Gandhi to-day. He is leaving for Bombay this evening.—A. P.

Over 200 Punjab Politicals May Be Released

Sequel To High Court Decision Holding Sending Of Intimation Is No Crime

LAHORE, May 15.

In view of the Lahore High Court ruling that the mere sending of an intimation to the District Magistrate that one intends to shout anti-war slogans does not constitute an offence under the Defence of India Rules, the Punjab Government is reported to be considering the question releasing all such prisoners now in jail, says the Simla correspondent of the "Civil and Military Gazette."

The number of such prisoners undergoing various terms of imprisonment is understood be between two and three hundred.

The total number of satyagrahi prisoners in the Punjab jails is believed to be about 1,000 at present.—A. P.

I. D. S. Medal For Jemadar

SIMLA, May 15.

A Jemadar of the Rajputana Rifles, who led an attack on an enemy defended position, and, though wounded, refused to be evacuated till he had received direct orders from his commanding officer, has been awarded the Indian Distinguished Service Medal, states a Press note.

During the advance on Nibeiwa, south of Sidi Barrani, Jemadar Gulab Khan had already distinguished himself by assisting a neigbhouring platoon which had been held up by machine-gun fire from the flank; by working his own men forward under heavy fire he eliminated this threat and enabled the other platoon to advance. In the attack on the "ring contour" of enemy positions his was the leading platoon; though wounded he was always to the front and a splendid example to his men.—A. P.

Edgar Wallace's Detective Story Day By Day

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NEVER MIND, BOGGS...WHAT'S THAT YOU'RE EATING, TARTAN?
MORNING DAILY
TH' MORNIN' PAPER, SIR. ALL ABOUT 'OW YOU AN' HINSPECTOR DONAVAN CAUGHT THEM BLINKIN' SPIES. I WAS PUTTIN' IT IN TH' SCRAP BOOK!
THAT'S ANCIENT HISTORY NOW, BOGGS.. I'M INTERESTED IN OTHER ---GREAT SCOTT!
GET DONAVAN! WE HAVE WORK TO DO!
BLIMEY, POOCH.. WHAT WAS IT HE SEEN IN THE PAPER?
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